



**FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC)  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING  
Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2018**

**Meeting Purpose:**

Engage community in EMS for Children issues and state plan objectives through two-way dialogue.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Jennifer N. Fische, MD	X
Sandra Nasca, RN	Excused Absence
Richard E. Nettles, PMD, CCEMTP, CMTE	X
Nichole Shimko, RN, BSN, CCRN, CPN, C-NPT	X
Benjamin N. Abo, DO	X
Steve White, MPA, PMD	Excused Absence
<b>Committee Liaisons</b>	
Steve McCoy	X
Joe Nelson, DO, MS, FACOEP, FACEP	X
Michael Rushing, NRP, RN, BSN, CEN, CPEN, CFRN, TCRN, CCRN-CMC	X
Phyllis L. Hendry, MD, FAAP, FACEP	X
Cory S. Richter, EMT-P	X
Julie L. Bacon, MSN-HCSM, NE-BC, RNC-LRN, CPN, CPEN, C-NPT, Chair	X
Laurie A. Romig, MD, FACEP	X
Lou E. Romig, MD, FAAP, FACEP	X
<b>EMSC Program Staff</b>	
Melia Jenkins	X
Michelle Bailey	X
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Sara Gonsalves – Life Flight Nicklaus Children’s Hospital	
MaryKay Silverman – Golisano Children’s Hospital – Ft Myers	
Patrick Huric – Winnie Palmer Hospital	
Carly Campbell – Winnie Palmer Hospital	
Ralph Franklin	
Miguel Yazes	
Noreen Schramm – Sun City Center EMS	
Danielle Nelski – St Joseph Children’s Hospital	
Hope Yarbrough - St Joseph Children’s Hospital	
Juliette Edwards – Life Flight Nicklaus Children’s Hospital	
Dustin Pierce	
Christopher Williams – Life Flight Nicklaus Children’s Hospital	

Joann Deserio
Jodi Coffee
David Summers – Health Care District of Palm Beach County

<b>Agenda Items</b>		<b>Discussion/Action Items</b>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		Julie Bacon welcomed everyone to the meeting, Michelle Bailey was introduced as the new EMSC Program Manager. Committee members were also introduced. Members were reminded about the travel and forms included in packets.
<b>Approval of Past Minutes</b>		Minutes from January 18, 2018 and February 21, 2018 meetings were approved as written.
<b>Star of Life Award</b>		Michael Rushing has been awarded the Beth Rogers Nurse of the Year Award and will be recognized this evening at the EMS Awards Ceremony. His story behind the award is attached for anyone who would like to read it.
<b>Follow-Up</b>	<b>EMS for Children Award (Star of Life Award)</b>	The name and intent of the EMSC Hero’s Award has been changed to EMSC Star of Life Award. The nominees will be awarded for collaboration, clinical expertise and compassion in the care of a pediatric patient (complete description attached). Tonight’s award will be given to Jacksonville Fire Rescue. An “honorary award” will be given to a second nominee who was a very close second– Sunstar Paramedics.
	<b>Stop the Bleed Campaign</b>	David Summers spoke to the group about the new guidelines on bleeds, tourniquets and their uses. He did a brief presentation on their use. <b>Stop the Bleed</b> campaign has been a great success throughout the entire state of Florida. The idea is to start putting them in schools, department stores, grocery stores and wherever the public go. Kits were passed out to all attendees. The committee agreed to look further into supporting agencies who would be willing to bring the Stop the Bleed program into their local schools.
	<b>Grant Update</b>	Melia Jenkins advised the committee the remainder of the funds have been awarded to EMSC. The total grant is \$130,000.00. Approximately \$41,000.00 is available for carryover.
<b>Medical Director’s Report</b>		No report at this time.
<b>State Plan</b>		
	<b>1.2. Improve safety of pediatric transport in EMS permitted vehicles</b>	<b>Changes on State Plan under Objective:</b> By December 2019, complete analysis of patients under the age of four years that are transported in an EMS permitted vehicle in a child restraint device. Laurie will be formulating questions addressing this for the 2018 EMS survey for consideration by the committee.
	<b>Child Restraint Sticker.</b>	The FINAL child restraint sticker was approved and is ready to be ordered. The committee and audience collaborated on the child restraint stickers for EMS vehicles. The graphic will have to be

		<p>sent before the DOH Office of Communications for approval. Steve McCoy would like to put the Department of Health logo on the sticker. The intention is that the stickers be placed on the back door and passenger side of the vehicle. Committee supports sending the stickers to those agencies that indicate their support of the program.</p> <p>Dr. Romig suggested they be placed on ambulance bay doors, emergency room and Urgent Care Center windows.</p> <p>Julie also wants to link up with the Florida neo-pediatric group and join forces with them on promoting use of the stickers.</p>
	<p><b>5.1.E Infant Mortality</b></p>	<p><b>Changes made to the State Plan under Objectives:</b></p> <p>Increase the percentage of EMS agencies conducting programs to reduce infant mortality from 18.5% to 30% by December 2019. Infant mortality is the death of an infant before his or her first birthday. The infant mortality rate is the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live births. In addition to giving us key information about maternal and infant health, infant mortality is an important marker of the overall health of society. In 2016, the infant mortality rate in the United States was 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live births. <b>(See Mortality in the United States, 2016)</b></p> <p><b>Florida – 6.1 deaths per 1,000</b></p> <p>The leading cause of deaths in US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce injury – study shows the death of an infant is before his or her first birthday</li> <li>• Birth defects, pre-term births, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), pregnancy complications and drownings</li> </ul> <p>Niki Shimko has agreed to coordinate the committee’s plan to address this objective. She will be formulating questions addressing this for the 2018 EMS survey for consideration by the committee.</p>
<p><b>Pediatric EMSTARS Research</b></p>		<p>Dr. Jennifer Fishe discussed her research on asthma and some of the findings. Her report on her findings was just informational. She will update us as the project progresses.</p>
<p><b>Hospital PEDReady Project</b></p>		<p>Florida PEDReady membership: To join the Florida PEDReady collaborative, please submit names and contact information of two (2) pediatric champions (nurse or administrator plus physician) and facility name to <a href="mailto:Flpedready@emlrc.org">Flpedready@emlrc.org</a>.</p> <p>The responsibilities of the champions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate with the collaborative, receive email and news brief updates</li> <li>• Disseminate educational information at local level</li> <li>• Provide feedback on what is needed in your ED to enhance pediatric care</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage nurses, physicians and advanced practice providers to complete the Florida PEDReady Needs Assessment Survey.</li> <li>• Review recommended Pediatric ED equipment list and assess your ED's level of preparation for pediatric emergencies or disasters (for internal use only).</li> <li>• Advocate documentation of weight in Kg versus pounds, use of weight or length-based medication dosing system, and a family centered environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Performance Measures</b>	<b>01 Submission of NEMSIS 3.0 Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The degree to which EMS agencies submit National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) compliant version 3.x data to the State EMS office.</li> <li>• By 2018, baseline data will be available to assess the number of EMS agencies in the state or territory that submit (NEMSIS) Version 3.x-compliant patient data to the EMS Office for all 9-1-1-initiated activations.</li> </ul>
	<b>02 EMS PECC (Michael Rushing)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of EMS agencies in the state or territory that have a designated individual who coordinates pediatric emergency care.</li> <li>• By 2020, 30 % of EMS agencies in the state or territory have a designated individual who coordinates pediatric emergency care.</li> <li>• State: Florida Final Response Rate: <math>182/234 = 77.8\%</math> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performance Measure EMSC 02: Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) EMSC 02 Numerator: 60</li> <li>(b) EMSC 02 Denominator: 161</li> <li>(c) EMSC 02 Percentage: 37.3%</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<b>03 Use of Pediatric Specific Equipment (Michael Rushing)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of EMS agencies in the state or territory that have a process that requires EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment.</li> <li>• By 2020, 30 % of EMS agencies will have a process that requires EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric specific equipment.       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Performance Measure EMSC 03: Use of Pediatric-Specific Equipment           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) EMSC 03 Numerator: 48</li> <li>(b) EMSC 03 Denominator: 161</li> <li>(c) EMSC 03 Percentage: 29.8%</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Michael Rushing will be facilitating the PEDReady EMS Program with Dr. Hendry. The first meeting will be to determine</p>

	mutual resources between the two programs and to draft a timeline.
	<p>Dr. Hendry gave a presentation on the status of the hospital PEDReady project, the goal of which is to improve the care of children in emergency departments in Florida. She advised that we have been working with Emergency Medicine Learning and Resource Center (EMLRC) and have developed a website where ED's will be able to go as a one-stop shop for information and help them determine where they can improve pediatric care. She advised that ED's will be asked to participate in a survey, and to identify someone who will represent them as their pediatric champion. This person will receive regular communication from us on items such as educational materials, news briefs and ways to enhance pediatric care in their ED's. Additionally, by agreeing to participate each ED's will receive benefits such as access to a listserv, pediatric emergency care specialist and a PEDReady Kit, which will contain a variety of tools to help them in their day-to-day operations. The kit will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication cards</li> <li>• Pediatric Pearls Poster Books: Tear out tips, treasures etc.</li> <li>• Broselow Resuscitation Tape 2017 version <a href="https://www.armstrongmedical.com/products/broselow-pediatric-emergency-tape">https://www.armstrongmedical.com/products/broselow-pediatric-emergency-tape</a></li> <li>• Updated neonatal resuscitation resource or cards</li> <li>• PAMI Distraction Toolbox</li> <li>• EMRA Pediatric ECG card at <a href="http://bookstore.acep.org/emra-productgs/emra-pediatric-ecg-card-900147">http://bookstore.acep.org/emra-productgs/emra-pediatric-ecg-card-900147</a></li> <li>• PALS pocket card at <a href="https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183552">https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183552</a></li> <li>• Grieving card</li> <li>• Bag for products and mailing (waterproof)</li> <li>• Safe transport stickers and materials</li> <li>• List of Florida children's hospitals, pediatrics EDs, trauma and burn centers</li> </ul> <p>Communication cards and surveys are being sent to agencies. These cards are a resource communication tool to assist in speaking with children and families, especially non-English speaking or non-verbal patients. Dr. Hendry designed a survey to go with the cards. The survey may be accessed at <a href="http://pami.emergency.med.jax.ufl.edu/resources/communication-card-survey">http://pami.emergency.med.jax.ufl.edu/resources/communication-card-survey</a>.</p> <p>We are challenging everyone to get the word out. You can contact 904-244-8617 for the actual set. (Flyers are attached also for anyone to review.)</p>

		<p>Dr. Hendry also reviewed the website set up for the PEDReady program on the EMLRC site. She will be reviewing the site to determine if it should be moved to the University of Florida site. Everyone is encouraged to go to the website and look at it and review it.</p> <p>Dr. Hendry reviewed survey results from ED’s equipment challenges, and prescribing, administering and calculating pediatric medication doses. She also discussed educational needs within pediatric units in hospitals and EMS agencies. Lastly, she discussed challenges to transport children to hospital stats. To find out more information about the presentation please access the PEDReady website.</p>
<b>Drownings</b>		<p>Dr. Abo spoke briefly about pediatric drownings, prevention and statistics. Pediatric drownings are a top reason for pediatric death in Florida. He discussed the need to eliminate the term “secondary diagnosis” as a diagnosis. You can contact him for any of his presentations if you would like more information.</p>
		<p>Minutes transcribed by Michelle Bailey, EMSC Program Manager</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>		<p>The EMSAC meeting is October 16 -18, 2018, at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort. Bonnie Anderson sent everyone the link to make reservations. EMSC meeting time will be announced at a later date.</p>