

Ohio EMS for Children Committee Meeting
April 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Craig Collins, Paramedic
Ken Crank, Paramedic
Deanna Dahl-Grove, MD
Mitzi Goldsmith
Carol Jacobson, RN
Terry Kirkham, RN
Heather Koss, RN, Paramedic
Wendy Pomerantz, MD
Tami Wires, Paramedic
Joe Stack (EMSC Coordinator)

The meeting opened at 2:35pm.

Dr. Dahl-Grove moved to accept the December meeting minutes, Mr. Crank seconded and the motion was approved by acclamation.

Several committee members suggested moving the time of the meetings to 12:30pm-2:30pm; Mr. Stack said he would try to make the change starting with the August meeting.

Mr. Stack noted that he would submit an article on protocols available at the scene of an emergency for the July Siren newsletter. Mr. Crank asked about the existence of a requirement for ambulances to have a copy of the agency protocols available at the scene of an emergency, either carried on the vehicle or in electronic form carried by the practitioners, in law or rule.

Mr. Stack said he had received information that a new equipment list to replace the current Equipment for Ambulances had been finalized and that the draft version had been sent to EMS for Children Committee members earlier that day. Mr. Crank noted that backboard use has been reduced or eliminated due to recent research; Mr. Stack replied that the national effort to update the equipment list was formed several years ago and may not have included the most recent research due to its unavailability at that time.

Dr. Pomerantz requested that Mr. Stack provide the EMS for Children Committee with potential dates for site visits for the *Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared* program to allow members to choose which dates they can participate. Dr. Dahl-Grove suggested setting a date with the hospitals first, at about 2 to 3 months in advance, and then communicating that to the Committee for participation.

Mr. Stack noted that, with the merger of the EMS Board and the Medical Transportation Board into the Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board, the Committee may want to add a representative from a private ambulance service.

Mr. Collins suggested pediatric pain management as a topic area for the 2014 International Trauma Life Support Conference; Dr. Dahl-Grove suggested Dr. Ann Bacevice as presenter.

Mr. Stack reviewed the EMS for Children components of the EMS Strategic Plan, and noted that the plan was likely to change with the board merger. Dr. Pomerantz requested that all areas noted as “yellow” should be changed to “green,” as all those items were in progress at this time.

Ms. Jacobson reported that the Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition completed work on updating the state burn surge plan, and that next steps included review of issues with family reunification and unaccompanied minors. Ms. Koss noted that the Dayton area includes children in their definition of functional needs for purposes of sheltering.

Mr. Stack noted that the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment would begin for Ohio hospitals on May 1 and would conclude on July 31, and added that Ohio ACEP, Ohio ENA, and Ohio AAP had all been contacted by the national organization about cooperation.

Mr. Stack reported that the EMS for Children Partnership Grant was awarded to Ohio on February 27, but that the award was reduced from \$130,000 to \$110,000 due to the lack of a continuing resolution in Congress to operate the federal government through the end of the federal fiscal year.

Mr. Collins asked if other states operated a program for pediatric pre-hospital equipment in a similar fashion to the emergency department categorization program; Dr. Pomerantz noted that this type of program would be best to bring up after the board merger was complete.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07pm. The next EMSC Committee meeting will be June 18, 2013, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, in ODPS Rooms C4-9 and C4-10.