

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin EMS for Children (WI EMSC) Advisory Committee		Attending: Lorin Browne, Michael Kim, Erica Kane, Dustin Ridings, Jason Selwitschka, Andrew Werth, Matt Pinsoneault, Melody Mulhall, Rebecca Ekenstedt, Ben Harris, Chris Ford, Tabitha Vande Voorte, Ben Eithun, Jennifer Rusbusch, Mary Jean Erschen-Cook, Joel Deutsch (guest), Laura Kane (guest), Sarah Waara (guest), Michelle Seitz (guest) Brittany Farrell (guest), Ashley Bergeron (guest)	
Date: 3/3/2020	Time Started: 1:01pm	Time Ended: 4:02 pm	
Location: Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center, Madison WI		Presiding Officer: Lorin Browne and Michael Kim	

Minutes

1. Welcome and committee member check-in. Meeting called to order at 1:01pm. Dr. Chris Ford, newly appointed WI EMSC Advisory Committee member was welcomed by all members.
2. Approval of minutes. December 3, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Public comment opportunity to the committee. No public comments shared.
4. Co-chair voting. Drs. Michael Kim and Lorin Browne were approved as Co-Chairs of the committee for a two year term.
5. Discuss Wisconsin Pediatric Surge Plan and pediatric disaster planning. Michelle Seitz provided an overview of the draft Wisconsin Pediatric Mass Casualty Incident Plan developed by Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care. Michelle Seitz will meet with leaders from American Family Children's Hospital and Children's Wisconsin to secure support for the draft plan and continue to make refinements in April 2020.
6. Discuss opportunities for pediatric safe transport. Joel Deutsch provided an overview of the issues and challenges surrounding pediatric safe transport and safely restraining children in ambulances. A draft of the pediatric transport handout was reviewed by the group. Ben Eithun noted that the Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA) and a philanthropy group had reached out after the December meeting to ask American Family Children's Hospital to help make videos on safe pediatric transport. Matt Pinsoneault noted that it would be helpful if references were added to the fact sheet. Revisions to the handout will be finalized and presented at the June 2020 meeting.
7. Discuss Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator updates. Jason Selwitschka has recently been meeting with each regional trauma advisor council (RTAC) to secure support from the hospitals and to demonstrate then impact of pediatric emergency care coordinators (PECCs). Selwitschka will visit Regions 3, 4, and 5 in April 2020. Selwitschka exhibited and promoted PECCs at numerous EMS and emergency medicine conferences. WEMSA was the most successful conference in terms of networking and communicating with interested agencies. One barrier establishing PECCs at career fire departments is concerns over union negotiations. Selwitschka will reach out to contacts and explore this concern. Selwitschka shared several draft documents related to pediatric equipment skills checks and pediatric performance improvement. Dr. Lorin Browne emphasized the need for evaluating the impact of these documents. Selwitschka will continue to refine the documents and explore strategies for evaluation. Sarah Waara, Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin's (Alliance) communication coordinator, interviewed a local PECC at West Allis Fire Department and drafted a story shared on the Alliance's website. Waara has also developed a template press release that can be modified by EMS agencies. Dr. Michael Kim suggested that the Alliance offer one-on-one support agencies that wish to utilize the press release. Waara agreed to provide assistance by interviewing PECCs and taking photographs for inclusion in customized press releases.

8. Discuss Pediatric Readiness Quality Collaborative Program (PRQC) Seven affiliate emergency departments on Team WISPR actively participated in PRQC (Aurora Sheboygan Memorial, Crossing Rivers Health, Mile Bluff Medical Center, Sauk Prairie Hospital, Southwest Health, UnityPoint Meriter, and Mercy Health Janesville). WISPR affiliate emergency departments have entered a total of 956 pediatric charts and completed 18 PDSA cycles. MercyHealth-Janesville has completed two disaster drills. Howard Young Memorial, MercyHealth-Walworth and Marshfield Medical Center's plans for participation in PRQC are unknown. They have not had recent data entry activity. Southwest Health withdrew from the program, due to lack of resources. EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center and National EMSC Data Analysis and Resource Center are determining whether the data entry dashboard will remain open after the official close of the collaborative on April 31, 2020. Sarah Waara has developed a sample press release that WISPR affiliate emergency departments may use to highlight their efforts and increase awareness for pediatric readiness. Crossing Rivers Health worked with Waara to draft an article highlighting their involvement in PRQC. Dr. Michael Kim suggested that WI EMSC develop press release highlighted our efforts that could be published by the Wisconsin Medical Society, Wisconsin Hospital Association and other professional organization's publications.
9. Discuss emergency planning for children with special healthcare needs. Brittany Farrell and Erica Kane met with the Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network WISHIN for a demonstration how an emergency information form would look. The emergency information form features data pulled from electronic health records in a separate tab in WARDS that would alert providers to information en route to a scene. However, not all health systems submit data to WISHIN and internet access is limited and unreliable in much of the state. The committee favors a paper document or card that EMS providers could access on the scene, very similar to the model Tabitha Vande Voorte has launched in Oconto. This could also apply to adults (e.g., elderly patients) and not just the pediatric population. Dr. Kim, Ben Eithun, Laura Kane, and Melody Mulhall volunteered to help pursue different avenues further. Farrell will convene a meeting of this Ad Hoc group prior to the June meeting.
10. Discuss Advancing Healthier Wisconsin grant application. WI EMSC has been asked to submit a proposal to Advancing Healthier Wisconsin for their Innovations to Advance Wisconsin's Health Workforce grant. If funded, we would develop a Pediatric Readiness Tool to build capacity among providers at community emergency departments to meet the needs of pediatric patients. If funded, we would receive \$400,000.00 to work directly with 20 community emergency departments over four years. The application is due on March 27, 2020 and the project would begin July 1, 2020. On a related note, the pediatric readiness assessment will open on June 1, 2020.
11. Discuss education and outreach. In-person training is planned for April 7, 2020 in Wabeno, WI. Additional trainings will be scheduled in Spring/Summer 2020 for the North Central, Southwest, South Central and Southeast Regions. The committee discussed the possibility developing a train-the-trainer model for WI EMSC education that would be more sustainable and would reduce burdens on our trainers. As of January 27, 2020, a total of 157 individuals have participated in the online respiratory distress module. Many learners provided feedback that the post-test was too difficult and that they did not receive feedback regarding which questions that responded to correctly. To address this, we have added a practice post-test which is identical to the course required post-test, provides learner feedback, and can be repeated as many times as needed. Dr. Michael Kim will also revise the test questions to make them less challenging for learners. WEMSA has asked WI EMSC to provide education sessions at the November 2020 conference. WEMSA has conducted a member survey and has identified pediatric airway management, trauma, and assessment as pediatric education session topics.
12. Discuss 2019 Pediatric Champion. Nominations for the 2020 Pediatric Champion of the Year will close on March 16, 2020. As of February 27, 2020, only one nomination was received. Committee members were encouraged to submit their nominations.
13. Discuss EMSC Performance Measure 02 and 03 survey EMS agency service directors have been asked to complete a brief survey regarding pediatric policies related to skills checks and pediatric emergency care coordinators. Results of the survey will be used to determine the Wisconsin status of EMSC Performance Measure 02 (pediatric skills checks) and 03 (pediatric emergency care coordinators). Tribal, military, air-only and water-only agencies will be excluded from

the survey. As of February 27, 2020, a 60% response rate has been achieved (445/737). An 80% response rate is required by HRSA. The survey will close on March 31, 2020. Committee members suggested utilizing the regional trauma advisory council coordinators and making personal phone calls to non-respondents as a strategies to achieve an 80% response rate.

14. Review State of Wisconsin EMS Plan as it relates to the Committee's future work. Committee members discussed the importance of integrating EMSC Pediatric Performance Measures will into the state plan.
15. Discuss and develop future new business (Browne, Kim)
16. Adjourn committee. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Prepared by: Erica Kane on 3/13/2020.

These minutes are in draft form. They were approved by the governmental body on: 6/2/2020