

NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Nevada Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Committee

MINUTES
July 25, 2019
2:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Eisen, M.D.	Jay Fisher, M.D.	Darlene Amarie-Hahn
Susie Kochevar, R.N.	Donald Watson	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

David Slattery, M.D.	Don Pelt	Stephanie Mead
Shane Splinter	Kathryn Hooper	

IN ATTENDANCE

Jenna Burton	Yvette Wintermute	Michael Bologlu
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1. Roll call and approval of the April 25, 2019, minutes.

MOTION: Susie Kochevar motioned to approve the April 25, 2019, minutes.

SECOND: Darlene Amarie-Hahn.

PASSED: Unanimously

No public comment.

2. Introduction of the new Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program Manager, Darlene Amarie-Hahn.

Michael Bologlu introduced Darlene Amarie-Hahn as the newly hired Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program Manager. Mike told the committee Darlene has vast experience in this field of work, especially in working with the state and with grants. Mike asked Darlene to tell the committee a little bit about herself. Darlene told the committee she is a Certified Grant Professional, having worked on writing, reviewing, and editing grants, as well as setting up grant offices. She said she loves working with programs that involve children. She has done fundraising for Children's Hospital in Los Angeles and also has worked in Nevada Check Up as the Statewide Operations Manager, and in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in Accounting Department for the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP). Today is only her seventeenth working day in her new position. But she appreciates meeting everyone and hopes to make a significant contribution to the EMSC Program.

3. Update on the pediatric medical supplies and equipment that were purchased during the FY19 project period.

Michael explained the state Emergency Medical Systems (EMS)¹ office has been fairly busy the last couple of months. The supply order for approximately \$58,000 in pediatric medical equipment that was budgeted from last fiscal year's funds was received on June 3, 2019. The office immediately started distributing the supplies to rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS)² and fire services agencies throughout the state. The order

includes seventy fully stocked Intermediate Life Support (ILS) color-coded, pediatric go-bags, one hundred twenty-five 2017-version American Heart Association (AHA) length-based tape systems, and thirty-six infant-warming mattresses. The color-coded, pediatric go-bags make caring for infants and children easier by helping providers administer emergency care faster and more safely; the length-based tape system will provide the agencies with an updated version to replace those previously used for medication dosages and equipment sizing; and the mattresses will warm a newborn infant or a very small child who is hypothermic. The EMS¹ office is pleased to have received the supplies and will continue to distribute the equipment in a timely manner.

4. Presentation by Mike Bologlu on the EMSC Pediatric kit contents.

Michael explained the ILS kits comprised the main expenditure for this distribution project and will help supply rural EMS² agencies in need. The kits include neonate, infant, and child bag-valve masks (BVM) and non-breather masks. The kits also include neonate, infant, and child blood-pressure (BP) cuffs. Each kit contains seven color-coded bags stocked to the ILS level of care. Each color identifies the appropriate airway device for an oropharyngeal airway (OPA) and nasopharyngeal airway (NPA). Each kit also contains one 18-gauge and one 16-gauge intravenous- (IV-) administration set. This allows for Advanced Life Support (ALS) agencies to have the ILS equipment and, optionally, to add ALS medical equipment. Michael shared a picture an overall view of the bag, the two IV-administration sets, and a view of an open bag showing the seven color-coded bags inside the kit. He also shared a picture of the length-based tape system laid out, so members could get a visual of how a provider would lay down a patient to determine a child's height in order to identify which color bag to use. Based on a child's height and the appropriately colored bag, a provider should have all the equipment needed to treat a pediatric patient. Michael showed the Committee a picture of the infant-warming mattress, stating it is pretty standard equipment, but in certain situations it can save a life. Michael told the Committee that the EMSC program through the EMS¹ office has ensured that every rural ILS and fire service agency that is permitted in Nevada has received at each station a length-based tape system for each ambulance, and at least one pediatric ILS kit for the first go-out ambulance and one for their second reserve ambulance. Equipment was distributed to Lander County, Eureka County, Elko County, White Pine County, Lincoln County, Nye County, and Esmeralda County. Michael explained that a large geographical area of our state has been covered, and distribution of the pediatric equipment has ensured that approximately 70% of the state has received updated supplies. Michael explained that by October of 2019, the EMS¹ office will deliver the remaining supplies to ensure that all ILS and fire service agencies within our state will receive a go-bag. Michael told the committee that he will present a full list of agencies and fire services that have received the bag, as well as a letter of support and gratitude submitted by the agencies. Dr. Andrew Eisen congratulated the team on making so much progress and getting the appropriate equipment to the agencies to take care of kids in emergency situations.

5. Discussion of process and possible nominees to fill the vacant Family Advisory Network (FAN) Advisory Committee position.

Michael told the committee he contacted Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and is waiting on a detailed job description and responsibilities for the Family Advisory Network (FAN) position. Once the job description is received, he and Darlene can develop a flyer that can be distributed to advertise the vacant position. He informed

the Committee that there is an EMSC conference in Arlington, Virginia, August 19-23, 2019, that they both will be attending. There also will be an opportunity at the conference to learn more about the FAN position. Dr. Eisen asked Mike to send the job description and responsibilities for the position to members as soon as possible, so they can begin recruiting someone. Dr. Eisen also asked for an action item on the next meeting's agenda, so they can review applicants and possibly appoint someone. Darlene asked Michael if attending the conference is a requirement for the Program Manager, Project Director, and FAN Representative, and, if so, what needs to be done if one of those is unable to attend. Michael explained that, in that case, a memo would need to be sent to notify HRSA, along with a follow-up memo stating the Committee is working to fill the position, with an approximate date of when the position can be expected to be filled.

6. Public Comment - No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Dr. Eisen asked for an anticipated date for the next meeting; Michael said the next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019. He will be sending the meeting invite tomorrow, July 26, 2019. Dr. Jay Fisher informed the committee that, under the direction of Dr. Deborah Kuhls, they are working to develop a proposal for a \$3.5 million HRSA grant, which is a multi-state, pediatric-disaster-preparedness grant. He explained the grant opportunity was just announced by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on July 1, 2019; the grant application is due by the end of August. He explained that multiple states are aligning to compete for the grant, and Dr. Kuhls is making a very concerted effort with people at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMCSN), and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Medicine, recommending that the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Children's Hospital (UCSF Benioff-CA) receive one of the two grant awards, offered through the Office of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), designated to create a "Pediatric Disaster Care Center of Excellence." To be supportive, Dr. Fisher has mentioned his attendance at these committee meetings as a way possibly to integrate different programs to strengthen their grant application. He would like to see Nevada's resources help support them as well. He told the Committee he will keep members updated by email. If anyone has additional questions, they can contact him directly. Susie Kochevar asked Michael to send the list of performance measures to the members, so they can have them readily available when reviewing the minutes. Michael agreed and said they would be sent out this afternoon. Dr. Eisen thanked everyone for their participation.

7. Adjournment at 2:26 p.m.

¹Emergency Medical Systems

²Emergency Medical Services