



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

Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

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1. Roll Call.

Members

Andrew Eisen, M.D., Chair

Susie Kochevar, RN

David Slattery, M.D.

Jay Fisher, M.D.

Stephanie Mead, Vice Chair

Michael Bologlu, EMSC, Representative for the EMS advisory Committee

Bobbie Sullivan, EMSC Director, Principal Investigator

Ex-Officio members

Shane Splinter

Absent

Darlene Amarie-Hahn

Jeremy Sonenschein

In Attendance:

Dale Carrison, M.D.

Cody Phinney

Nathan Orme

Doug Oxborrow

Nenita Wasserman

Sandra Horning

2. Public Comment.

Public comment may be presented in person, by computer, phone, or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than five minutes. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written Page 2

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Andrew Eisen, M.D. asked if there was any public comment, hearing none, he moved on to agenda item number three.

- For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) advisory committee on May 20, 2021.

MOTION: David Slattery, M.D.

SECOND: Michael Bologlu

PASSED: Unanimously

- Informational Only:** Update on the 2021 pediatric preparedness surveys, completed by the Nevada EMSC Program Manager for review by the Nevada EMSC Advisory Committee. – Michael Bologlu, Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Representative

Michael Bologlu thanked everyone for their time and participation with today's meeting. He explained they have had two pediatric preparedness surveys this year. There was a pediatric preparedness hospital-based survey and a pre-hospital pediatric preparedness survey. Michael said they did very well with the surveys especially considering COVID-19 and they are about to start another fire based pediatric preparedness survey in January 2022. He thanked the members that helped them reach out to the various hospitals and agencies to get those completed in a timely manner. He asked members to keep a look out for the upcoming surveys that they will be sending out and would appreciate their commitment to this committee and their continued support to reach 100% completion rate on those.

Jay Fisher, M.D., said with the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM) he worked with Marianne Gausche-Hill, M.D. who is one of the initial grant writers for National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP). He said she was very grateful for the work the committee has done and were able to get a 66% response rate. He said they had a goal to hit 80% but the 66% was still on par with states like Washington, Arizona, and Texas. So, he thinks they got a good response. He said that NPRP will also be used to do a disaster preparedness survey. Dr. Eisen thanked him for his update and asked if there were any other public comments, hearing none he moved on to agenda item number 5.

- Informational Only:** Update on hiring a new fulltime EMSC Program Manager. – Michael Bologlu, Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Representative

Michael said they finally have good news on this position an Anthony Parenti was hired on to fill the vacancy. He explained this will be the first time in sixteen months that there will be a fulltime EMSC Program Manager. He asked Anthony to introduce himself and if the members have any further questions, they can ask him after his introduction.

Anthony introduced himself and told the committee that he is from Western New York. He explained he has been in the Truckee Meadows area for approximately thirty years. He has completed a master's in business administration (MBA) in 2014 in public administration and grant administration and he looks forward to this role and do his best to secure all the funds available to this department. Dr. Eisen said they are excited to have him and that he's sure there wont be a shortage of things to do and they look forward to his contributions to the committee and grant. He asked if anyone else had any questions or comments for Anthony, hearing none, they moved on to agenda item number six.

6. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and make possible recommendations on recruiting additional ex-officio committee members as recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. List of possible positions to be provided by Michael Bologlu.

The current ex-officio member vacancies are:

- Child Death Review Representative
- EMS Data Manager (State held position)
- State Trauma Manager
- Ambulance Association Representative
- Police Representative
- Disaster Preparedness Representative
- Highway Safety Representative
- School Nurse Administrator
- Hospital Association Representative
- Hospital Data Manager
- Fire-based EMS Representative
- Bio-Terrorism Representative
- Parent Teacher Representative
- Legislature Representative

Dr. Eisen said before he opened this item up for discussion that he would like to recommend he be moved to the child death review representative position which would open up the pediatric trained physician position. He said Dr. Sandra Horning, M.D. was on the line and is a pediatric physician who has expressed interest in the position. He said she would be a great addition to the committee. Dr. Horning thanked him and said she would be very interested in the pediatric trained physician position.

Dr. Eisen asked members if anyone else had any suggestions on interested parties that would want to fill the other positions. Michael said he believes they will have a new EMS Data Manager, Kevin Haywood. He said Kevin is being trained on ImageTrend and ELITE data. Kevin was unfortunately not available for this meeting because he had field work that took priority but has expressed an interest in the position, so they are hopeful to at least have two of these vacancies filled at the next meeting. If anyone else has any interested parties that they would like to recommend they can send a copy of the letter of interest explaining why they would like to be on the committee and a copy of their current curriculum vitae (CV) to him at mbologlu@health.nv.gov and include Bobbie Sullivan at bsullivan@health.nv.gov and Jenna Burton at jburton@health.nv.gov.

Dr. Eisen asked if the “Legislature Representative” has to be a member of the legislature or if it can be a staff member. Michael apologized and told him he would have to get back to him on this because he doesn’t know who would make that decision. Cody Phinney asked if the administration makes these appointments or do the members. Michael and Dr. Eisen explained the committee members make those appointments. Dr. Eisen asked if there were any other comments or recommendations, hearing none, he said he hopes to see these vacancies filled sooner rather than later because the broader their base is the better their decisions will be.

7. **Informational Only:** Update on activities and progress of the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Medicine (WRAP-EM). – Dr. Jay Fisher

Dr. Fisher said there are some activities still going on with WRAP-EM. He said he presented remotely at American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) about a disaster preparedness survey that they did and Nevada’s results. He said he is also going to Orlando in December to present to the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC). He said they had a meeting lead by Marion Gausche-Hill on the EMSC component to WRAP-EM on Tuesday where they discussed disaster situations and the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP). They have also been having regular discussions on the COVID-19 situation and how full agencies and hospitals are and how they improve those situations. He said the mental health component continues to escalate, occupying more and more Emergency Room (ER) beds and hospital beds. He said in the time that he has lived there in Vegas, NV he has never seen such a high patient volume, stating this could be due to shrinkage and the size of the hospitals due to infectious disease concerns and need for isolation occurring now with COVID-19. He said the entire Western United States is very closely reaching capacity in all its major cities for hospital beds. They are still working to address these issues and he thinks incorporating EMSC with these projects would be useful and anything they can do to enhance that collaboration would be beneficial to the state. Dr. Eisen said he appreciates all their hard work and is glad to know they are still working toward funding and resolving some of these issues.

8. **Informational Only:** Update on newborn advanced airway management training, offered by Lloyd Jensen, Director of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Sunrise Hospital to permitted EMS personnel who operate at the AEMT or intermediate life support scope of practice. -

Michael Bologlu

Michael said at the previous meeting they had an excellent presentation on in field and pre-hospital deliveries from Lloyd Jensen, Director of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Sunrise Hospital. He said it was a great training that they planned to push out to the rurals and other training agencies that unfortunately due to staffing issues had to be postponed. He said now that Anthony will be filling the EMSC Program Manager position that this will be something they can actively pursue again during the next fiscal year beginning April 2022. Michael said to pursue this they will need to complete a survey to see what specific equipment is needed for that training. He explained, as previously discussed by the committee, once they have Anthony fully on board, they will be working on purchasing pediatric restraint systems. He said they aren't required but there has been a lot of research and data showing the effectiveness of using those restraint systems. Dr. Eisen said he would really love to see these improve outcomes for pediatric patients and he would also like to see better airway management training especially in situations where there are long transport times.

Dr. Sandra Horning said they have also been talking with Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) about looking at management of pediatric cardiac response patients. She said they already have the framework there but are looking to change their concepts a little bit and have been meeting with their education committee to develop protocols on how to manage those patients based on different data from around the Country. Dr. Eisen said they look forward to updates from her regarding this. Dr. Eisen said if there is no more discussion on this item they can move on to agenda item number nine.

9. **Informational Only:** Presentation on the automated external defibrillator (AED) project. - Wayne Booze.

Wayne Booze introduced himself to the group as the Program Officer for the Helmsley Charitable Trust's Rural Healthcare Program. He said Helmsley is one of the larger philanthropies in the U.S., but they do grant globally, explaining they need to grant out approximately \$1,000,000.00 a day to meet their Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements. The rural healthcare program is out of South Dakota and has recently added Nevada to its list of states to target to improve access to healthcare in rural America. He has been working with Bobbie and Michael to make sure there is an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the back of every law enforcement vehicle in the State. He said they have made great strides with this goal and there are only a few towns left that he doesn't know the number of devices they have. He said this is a big project but its only an introductory to their main goal of a holistic and comprehensive system of care improvement. Dr. Eisen asked if anyone had any additional questions or comments for Wayne. Dr. Fisher asked if this is only for distribution of AEDs.

Wayne explained due to these new AEDs being so advanced compared to older versions that yes this program is specific to that piece of equipment at this time but the program could branch out to other equipment that is needed. Dr. Carrison said this is extremely important to share with the EMS Advisory Committee as well and would like to mention it during the next meeting. Michael asked Wayne if he could be available to present on this item at the next EMS Advisory Committee.

10. Public Comment.

Dr. Carrison informed the committee that next year is a legislative year and if this committee has any changes, they should bring those up as soon as possible so they can be included in the legislative process. Dr. Eisen agreed saying any changes should be submitted long before the election.

11. Announcement of next meeting date, and adjournment.

- a. April 21, 2022
- b. July 21, 2022
- c. October 20, 2022
- d. January 19, 2023

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