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MEETING MINUTES

Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee

June 8, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Meeting Locations:

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams, by phone, and at physical locations.

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Physical Meeting Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

4150 Technology Way, Room 303

Carson City, NV 89706

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Dr. Sandra Horning, Chair

Board Members Present:

Dr. Sandra Horning, Chair

Dr. David Slattery

Stephanie Mead

Susie Kochevar

Bobbie Sullivan

Michael Bologlu

Douglas Oxborrow

Irene Navis

Karah Smith

Ex- Officio Members Present:

Kevin Haywood

Linda Kalekas, for Christine Forsberg

Tiffany Van- Orden Collins

Dr. Sandra Horning called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Roll Call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum of the Nevada Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee was present.

2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment was made at this time.

3. **For Possible Action: Discussion and suggestions relating to recruitment of and voting on additional ex-officio committee members – Douglas Oxborrow, EMS Representative II**
a. **Zebulon Nomura**

Zebulon Nomura introduced himself and explained that he has been in EMS since 2006, he was a field medic for thirteen years, then moved to REMSA clinical for four years and he is currently at Truckee Meadows Fire protection District and has been there for three and a half years. Zeb explains that he has a lot of drive and motivation to see better pediatric care in the State of Nevada. Zeb says that he feels he would fit best in the Fire- based EMS representative for the committee because of his current position he holds at Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

Douglas Oxborrow made a motion to add Zebulon Nomura to the committee as the Fire- based EMS Representative.

MOTION: Douglas Oxborrow

SECOND: Stephanie Mead

PASSED: Unanimously

b. **Lloyd Jensen**

Lloyd Jensen was unable to make it to the meeting.

c. **Nicole Brown**

Nicole Brown introduced herself and explained that she has been a paramedic in Las Vegas for twenty-three years. She explained that she has experience with Southern Nevada Health District, working in protocol changes. Nicole also says that she was a key factor in bringing the critical care paramedic program to the state of Nevada, which she explains can be beneficial to the committee. Nicole Brown is looking to fill any position that the committee fits her experience.

Susie Kochevar made a comment to Nicoles introduction, stating that Nicole works with the paramedic school at the Mountain View Hospital, and has background in EMS law, as well as grant writing. Susie says she does not know what position would be most suitable, but that she would be very instrumental in helping with grants for EMSC.

Michael Bologlu explained that the committee can create ex- officio member positions. Michael proposed to the committee that they make an ex- officio member position as an EMS educator.

Michael Bologlu made a motion to add Nicole Brown to the EMSC Advisory Committee as the EMS Educator under an ex- officio member position.

MOTION: Michael Bologlu

SECOND: Douglas Oxborrow

PASSED: Unanimously

d. **The current ex- officio member vacancies to be addressed are:**

- **A secondary Physician with pediatric training**
- **Hospital Association Representative**
- **State Trauma Manager**
- **Hospital Data Manager**
- **Ambulance Association Representative**
- **Fire- based EMS Representative**

- Police Representative
- Bio- Terrorism Representative
- Parent- Teacher Representative
- Highway Safety Representative
- Legislature Representative

4. **Informational Only: Discussion and update of possible State of Nevada EMS-C programs and items-**
Dr. Sandra Horning, Chair

a. Handtevy training funding and implementation

Nicole Brown asked Doug if the EMSC had a number yet, or if it was still something they were waiting on.

Douglas Oxborrow explained that the office has received the EMSC grant, although the items within the grant that are designated for handtevy are still being processed through the federal government, and the office will be resubmitting and should have numbers within a short period of time.

Susie Kochevar explains that the handtevy is a charting system, which has been proven to improve the pediatric neurological survival rate by fifty percent. She explains this grant is important to bring the system and the training.

Douglas Oxborrow explains that in being proactive with the handtevy funding, Michael Bologlu and Kevin Haywood from the state office will be attending training in New Orleans to become certified handtevy trainers.

Stephanie Mead asked if the state will somehow be keeping track of individuals who are certified in handtevy in Nevada.

Susie Kochevar explains that the Southern parts of Nevada will be throwing out training and offered to help the Northern parts of Nevada if necessary and replies to Stephanie Mead and says that the state will absolutely be keeping track of these trained individuals.

b. Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

Irene Navis explained that the handbook on Pediatric Disaster Preparedness she sent out in the last meeting, was deployed to Guam. She explained that after it makes its rounds, she will share that with the group.

c. ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program

Sandra Horning introduced this topic and explained that the ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program is a federal program that was developed and instituted by each state, this gives recognition to emergency departments that meet certain criteria for pediatric readiness.

Susie Kochevar explained that the respiratory therapist they had on the agenda for this meeting was unable to make it since the meeting was moved, but she would like to keep that on the table because it is important for individual to know this kind of providers exist. Susie says that respiratory therapists are very underappreciated, until you need one. Susie explains that she would like to invite the respiratory therapist representative, Doug, to the next meeting.

Sandra Horning agrees with Susie. She invited David Slattery to join the conversation.

Dr. David Slattery explains that in both adult and pediatric disaster preparedness, it is important to be thinking about respiratory therapists and how big of a role they play. David says that it is important that the EMSC committee be a resource and a supportive partner in the process of giving respiratory therapists more recognition, although, the committee also must be careful to not come across paternalistic because there are plenty of men and women managing emergency departments.

d. Informational EMS-C Newsletter and Education

Sandra Horning introduces this agenda item and explains that the National EMSC puts out a great newsletter and she has been sending that out to contacts she has, although she explains that it would be smart for each person on the committee to take part in sending this out because then it would reach to a larger audience.

Douglas Oxborrow adds to what Sandra says and explains that it would be a good idea for each person or select people on the committee to write a portion of a newsletter for more diverse aspects of current EMSC events or ideas taking place in Nevada. This could then be approved at each EMSC meeting and sent out via listserv. Doug says that someone would need to be the editor and chief of this project to keep everything in line.

Sandra Horning offered to take that position for the newsletter and said that she would be in contact with the committee to have everyone help with a piece of the newsletter.

e. Pediatric pre- hospital education resources to include development of a Pediatric Resource Panel

Sandra Horning introduced item E and explained that it would be a good idea to put contacts for committee members with their level of expertise on the newsletter mentioned in the previous agenda item.

The committee agreed.

f. Pediatric Urgent Care education resources

Sandra Horning explained that she is still working on getting these resources and should have a list done and put together for the next meeting.

g. EMS supraglottic airways in children (I- Gels)

Dr. David Slattery brought up that it would be a good idea for something like this to go in the newsletter mentioned earlier. He says even though the committee may not instill using the same devices across the state, it would be a good idea for everyone to be aware of what is being used in Nevada. David said he would be happy to put this together to share with the committee members, first responder agencies as well as hospitals.

Don Pelt asked if it would be possible to work closely with hospitals to ensure that when first responders get a solid airway via supraglottic, they keep it in instead of changing it and intubating again. He explained that after patients are transferred, the hospital usually takes it out and does it again, with their equipment which causes a lot of stress for the patients.

Sandra Horning responded to Don Pelt and explained that this would be a good opportunity for communication between first responder agencies and hospitals.

5. For Possible Action: Presentation and Voting on a mission Statement for the EMS for Children Advisory Committee- *Dr. Sandra Horning*

Sandra Horning introduced this item and read the potential mission statement for the EMS for Children Committee.

Douglas Oxborrow said that it would be a good idea to make two or three mission statements, in which the committee can look over and vote on.

This will be available at the next advisory meeting.

6. Informational Only: Update on pediatric restraint system project – *Douglas Oxborrow*

Douglas Oxborrow explained that the pediatric restraints have been distributed to agencies across Nevada. This project is underway, and agencies can use them.

7. **Informational Only:** Dr. Jensen presenting on three pediatric topics regarding newborns.

This agenda item was removed due to Dr. Jensen being unable to make it to the meeting. It will be added to the next meeting agenda.

8. **Informational Only:** Discussion of 800mhz radio systems within the State of Nevada – *Richard Brooks and a representative from L3 Harris*

Representative Claire Pender from L3 Harris introduced the new radios that are being brought to Nevada. Claire explained that these are very important to improve public safety. The current system is called EDACS, which was established in 1990. The downside to this system is that there is nothing that is able to be added because it is at maximum user capacity. The three main users of the radio system is Washoe County, NV Energy and Nevada Department of Transportation. Claire gave the three regions this radio system is being implemented and the dates it will go live. Region one is Southern Nevada, this will be implemented on February 25, 2024. Region two is primarily the Northwest corner of the state and all of Washoe County, this will be implemented in December of 2024. The third and final region is Northeast Nevada, this will be in December of 2025.

Claire went on to show the different radios that L3 Harris carries, and explained the different things that the radios have within themselves. Drop test results, Wi-Fi, Heat test results, etc. are all shown within the slideshow.

The L3 Harris team thanks the committee for having them.

9. **Informational Only:** Proposed meeting dates for the next project period

- July 20, 2023
- October 19, 2023
- January 18, 2024

Douglas explained that because the May meeting was postponed, July 20 is too soon. Doug explained that this proposed date will now become sometime in the beginning of August. The rest of the projected meeting dates will stay the same.

Doug explained that he will send out another survey for the August meeting.

10. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

11. **Adjournment:**

Sandra Horning asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Michael Bologlu

SECOND: Sandra Horning

PASSED: Unanimously

Sandra Horning adjourned the meeting at 2:28 P.M.