

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

Minutes

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Brown

Mary Ellen Britt

Jeanne Cosgrove-Marsala

Tabatha Hart

Erin Seward

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Stephanie Shaddock-Gilbert

Andrea Esp

Jayson Calhoun

David Peterson

Tina Maestrejuant

Donald Pelt

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STAFF PRESENT

Steve Tafoya

Connie McFadden

INTRODUCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Steve Tafoya welcomed those in attendance and spoke about the need for this committee as part of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) grant. While this committee has eight (8) mandatory positions required by the grant, it is recommended that other members continue to be added. Steve explained the need to add one more Emergency Physician with Experience in Pediatrics to the committee.

DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE EMSC COMMITTEE. EMSC CHAIR TO BE NAMED TO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Steve Tafoya explained that the EMSC Committee is its own committee and not a sub-committee of the Committee on Emergency Medical Services. This committee needs to appoint someone to serve as an ex-officio member for the Committee on Emergency Medical Services to give reports to the Committee on Emergency Medical Services every quarter. The individual that fills this position will also serve as the committee Chair for the EMSC Committee. The committee is also in need of a Vice-Chair, both of which will be chosen at the EMSC meeting on March 19, 2015.

UPDATE ON THE EMSC HEALTH RESOURCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) GRANT AND CARRYOVER REQUEST FOR GRANT CYCLE 3/1/2013 TO 2/28/2014

The carryover request by the EMS Program for the remaining \$86,000, that went un-used during the last cycle, was approved by HRSA. Each hospital in the area was asked what items were commonly missing from the hospitals and from EMS, and most of those items were purchased with the carry-over funds. The items have not arrived yet but will be distributed accordingly when they arrive. Some of the funds were used for travel and shipping to the hospitals and ambulatory services. The grant was also used to purchase more training mannequins for hospitals and EMS. The committee is currently working on getting more mannequins across the state. Pamphlets for the hospitals and EMS to instruct them on installing a car seat onto a gurney were also created, but there is testing currently pending on the installation protocol so the pamphlets could change. The goal is to have the pamphlets in every EMS vehicle and ER by the end of January to use as a guidance tool. The rest of the carryover grant money was spent providing the rest of the funding for the pediatric equipment on the mobile response bus for Eureka County EMS. Once the bus is completed Eureka County EMS plans on displaying it at EMSC and at Division of Emergency Management (DEM) meetings; their goal is for the bus to be another resource for other entities to use as well.

UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEXT HRSA GRANT CYCLE 3/1/2015 TO 2/28/2016.

The next HRSA grant cycle budget has been approved but amendments can be made. Currently the budget allows for 10 EMS agencies per year to apply for a \$1,000 sub-grant – 5 hospitals per year can apply for a \$2,000 sub-grant. The current issue is that hospitals and EMS need funding but the process is too difficult a task and not worth the small amount of money they receive. The plan is to initiate a better concept on how to allocate the \$20,000 grant in an attempt to get more agencies to apply for it. A request is being put in to eliminate the \$1,000 minimum possible grant and instead replace it with \$1,000 minimum to \$5,000 maximum possible grant, to encourage more agencies to apply.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES OF THE EMSC HRSA GRANT

Steve reviewed the performance measures. Explained the goal of the committee is to review the performance measures and in the future the agenda will be more focused on meeting these standards and where to target these measures.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK (FAN) POSITION AND THE ROLD THEY HAVE WITH THE COMMITTEE.

Steve explained the goal of the FAN is to incorporate families into the pediatric care that is provided in the facilities the grant supports. FAN members serve as members, Chairs, Co-Chairs, coordinating special community outreach projects, special needs alert program. FAN members have their own meetings and agendas to work on towards our common goal for the children and families in our community.

REVIEW THE EMSC CONTRACTS AND TRAINING GOALS OF REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (REMSA) AND UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (UMC). DISCUSS TRAINING GOALS OF THE SIMULATOR TRAINING.

Steve explained that UMC and REMSA were the two providers in the area approved to provide the simulator training. We're currently waiting for the contract that UMC completed to be submitted to us for their education piece. UMC will provide 3 training locations: Lincoln, Nye, and either Esmerelda, Mineral or Lyon County. This grant renews itself, and for the next 2 years UMC will cover the 3 defined locations. REMSA has not yet returned their completed contract, but will cover the remaining counties in Nevada with the same concept. The main goal is to provide hands-on education pieces and skills evaluation to the hospitals and EMTs in rural counties.

There has been a lot of requests for an Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) class. Both UMC and UC Davis have expressed interest in teaching this class. The hospitals are working on reducing the cost of the class, but part of the grant may be used if not all of the \$20,000 allocated for the hospital/EMT equipment grant, is used. This class would be open for anyone in the state including rural and urban areas.

Steve mentioned the goal of this committee in the future is to eliminate our equipment problem and move onto working on more projects and designing programs. There are several unique situations that our state handles that others may not, like ATV accidents, and our goal is to prepare everyone for that type of situation. He requested that members come up with other topics to use during our 2015 grant cycle towards future projects.

Erin Seward suggested that we use the trauma registry data to find out what the biggest childhood traumas are and to focus on them for future projects and programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned