

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

**MINUTES**

**May 20, 2021**

**Carson City–2:00PM**

**Members in Attendance**

Darlene Amarie-Hahn

Dr. Jay Fisher

Stephanie Mead

Dr. David Slattery

Jeremy Sonenschein

Susie Kochevar

Don Pelt

Michael Bologlu

**Absent**

Dr. Andrew Eisen

Bobbie Sullivan

Shane Splinter

**In Attendance**

Minden Hall

Merisa Renteria

Dr. Lloyd Jensen

Karen Beckley

Mason Burkhardt

Kevin Haywood

Linda Kalekas

**1. Roll Call.**

**2. Public Comment.**

There were no public comments.

**3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes from the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) advisory committee on January 14, 2021.**

**MOTION:** David Slattery motioned to approve minutes from the meeting on January 14, 2021.

**SECOND:** Michael Bologlu

**PASSED:** Unanimously

**4. Informational Only: Update on Fiscal Year (FY22) funding.**

Michael Bologlu explained that unfortunately the EMSC for Nevada did not receive funding yet for FY22. The funding is expected but HRSA has run into issues with processing of the grant application, and it is not specifically for our department, just the Federal Government as a whole. For this meeting we cannot vote to move to approve to fund anything but hopefully the funding will be available by the next meeting.

Susie Kochevar asked Michael when the timeline is going to be. Michael stated that it should be by the end of this month as of seven days before the meeting.

5. **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 said that the period for the survey is closed. Unfortunately, several key agencies within the state did not comply with completing the survey after several notifications were sent. Without the staffing of a fulltime Program Manager the program did not have time to call the services to find someone to answer the survey. This emphasizes the importance of the fulltime EMSC Program Manager position.

Susie Kochevar mentioned that as committee members, make sure we are encouraging our own agencies and other agencies/people we know to complete these surveys.

6. **Informational Only: Update on the EMS pediatric skills checklist, updated by the EMSC Program in 2020 and presented to the EMS Advisory Committee in January 2021.**

Michael Bologlu thanked everyone that attended that meeting even though there was not much need for public comment. As of this meeting the EMS Advisory Committee has approved us to move forward with the new skills verification form. This will be the first time in Nevada States history that EMS providers will have to actually demonstrate pediatric skills to renew their EMS credentials. This will be sent out June 1<sup>st</sup> with a notification to the agencies that this new form will be in effect. It will also be placed on the new Nevada EMS online applications as well as the Nevada EMS website.

Susie Kochevar mentioned that she was at that meeting and was very thankful to everyone involved. She also mentioned it is very important for everyone to up to date on skills especially pediatrics.

Susie asked if there is also going to be a notification to education and training site...to include in refreshers and such. Michael stated this will be sent to all the stakeholders and providers through ImageTrend which will notify approximately 8,000 people.

Susie asked Michael to remind everyone what will be on the skills checklist. Michael mentioned the biggest item is for CPR AED infant and child, medication administration doses at both levels, and National scope of practice CPAP at the ALS level. Michael offered to send the committee members the list so they can compare to the old requirements. Susie mentioned that would be great to provide to their agencies to let them know what is coming.

7. **Informational Only: Update on hiring a new fulltime EMSC Program Manager.**

Michael Bologlu stated that we have received official approval through the Governor Funding Office to go ahead and start looking for a fulltime EMSC contractor. We have actively been in the interview and hiring process already. No deadline of when someone will start cannot be given at this time.

Michael encourages anyone who knows someone who is looking for a job, to have them reach out to him. This is a paid position through a State approved contract company.

Jeremy Sonenschein asked where the position is based? Michael stated it will be in Carson City in the Nevada EMS office. Jeremy stated he is interested himself in the position and will speak with Michael.

**8. For Possible Action: Discuss Guidance and make possible recommendations on recruiting additional ex-officio committee members as recommended by the HRSA List of possible positions to be provided by Michael Bologlu.**

Michael Bologlu stated that the current ex-officio member vacancies are:

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

Susie Kochevar asked Michael to send out a current list to everyone so they can provide it to people they may know. Michael stated this has been going on for awhile to try and fill every position and will send everyone a list.

Susie asked if there were any recommendations from committee members on how to fill some of these positions. Michael stated he has a lead on a Fire-based Representative, Marc Pinkus and he is willing to participate but could not make it today. He has also mentioned interest in being the Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) instructor for the committee. Michael is hopeful that next meeting we will have an item on the next agenda to add members.

Susie asked if there was anyone on the committee that is interested in any of these positions at this time. Dave Slattery mentioned it would be helpful for him to have the current roster and the positions needed to be filled, then in-between meetings suggestions can be provided to the Chair.

Susie stated anyone interested in a position to send an email to Michael so he can provide it to the Chair. The next agenda will include any resumes that have been submitted. Michael confirmed that he would like the resumes and letter of interest emailed to him at [mbologlu@health.nv.gov](mailto:mbologlu@health.nv.gov).

Susie asked for a motion to add this to the next agenda with positions and people of interest.

**MOTION:** Michael Bologlu motioned to move agenda item 8 to the next meeting.

**SECOND:** Don Pelt

**PASSED:** Unanimously

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

Michael Bologlu stated that this item has been a place holder for a while but if no one has an update before the next meeting we can add it, but if not then it will be removed from the agenda.

Dr. Jay Fisher was knocked off the meeting and rejoined to provide information. Dr. Fisher stated that the WRAP-EM committee continues to convene weekly, and the funding is no longer available at this time. The people are giving their time voluntarily with 30 – 40 people across the states. Nevada provided an abstract for the December National meeting in Orlando for Pediatric MCI preparation and hoping to get that accepted. There is also a Homeland Security meeting in Las Vegas at the end of August that we are hoping to convene. Recently cooperated with the Budget Echo presentation on the impact of COVID children multi-system inflammatory system that we have been seeing. Lastly, Pediatric Preparedness and Readiness surveys and he is asking for the committees help with propagation of the information on Pedsready.org website which was initiated out of UCLA 20 years ago and is now used as a platform to get better inclusion of the Western States. On this website, each Hospital that sees children throughout the State of Nevada can fill out their preparedness survey. Only 2 of the 33 Hospitals have completed the survey. He is personally trying to reach people he knows to fill out the survey.

A few months ago, he reached out to Dr. Jensen to call into the meeting as a commentator and his enthusiasm for this topic is appreciated.

Susie asked if they are having a larger meeting in August. Dr. Fisher stated if you go on the WRAP-EM website [wrap-em.org](http://wrap-em.org) there is a list of all the National meetings and the Homeland Security meeting is in Las Vegas this year and we are hoping to have representation physically from other states now that we are meeting in person. The National Preparedness meeting is an annual meeting and is in Orlando in December

which will have a pediatric portion and the title is preparing your children for school shootings.

Dr. Fisher reminded the committee to fill out the hospital survey. Susie asked if it had been sent to all the hospitals in the area? Dr. Fisher stated yes, by a mailer and emails to nursing leadership of the institution and they will follow protocol soon to reach out to those that have not responded.

**10. Informational Only: Update on newborn advanced airway management training, offered by Dr. 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 stated that Dr. Lloyd Jensen was not able to attend today's meeting. He asked if anyone was able to review the PowerPoint that was posted with the meeting agenda. If you have not reviewed it, he suggests you do, and it seems to be a very good program that can be used. The biggest obstacle to this training is to get the EMS rurals funded for this new equipment and hoping to build a fund map with the grant. Michael and Dr. Jensen estimated it will be between \$15,000 – \$20,000 to provide the training. He stated it is something the committee should look into and recommended to move the agenda item to the next meeting to allow Dr. Jensen an opportunity to present the training to the Committee. Susie Kochevar agrees with moving the item to the next meeting's agenda.

**11. Public Comment.**

Dr. Slattery mentioned an EMS 1 article regarding the Helmsley Charitable trust which is reaching out to Nevada. Himself and Dr. Christian Young, in coordination with the American Heart Association were invited to speak with the trust to provide perspective on our State. Their interest is to bolster EMS regarding the cardiac system of care in our State. He mentioned in Nebraska they purchased over 25,000 AEDs for Law Enforcement vehicles across the State, a 6.4-million-dollar investment.

Dr. Slattery mentioned they have been having difficulty connecting with anyone in the Nevada EMS state office and who is the best point of contact. They are interested in our Rural state needs for response and feels the urban and sub-urban areas are covered well from an EMS perspective. He stated this is a wonderful opportunity for the State and this Committee meeting, specifically the skills sign off and the work Dr. Fisher and his team are doing. One of those things is the resuscitation and quality improvement program for the American Heart Association which delivers high frequency low dose training every 90 days. He asked who the best point of contact is for the State EMS office. Michael Bologlu stated he will send Dr. Slattery an email with the contacts.

Michael asked if this funding could be used for the RQI training systems that you have at Las Vegas Fire Headquarters. Dr. Slattery stated they met with them on high level topics and really want to talk with the State EMS office regarding the needs in the state.

Susie asked for any more public comments.

Dr. Jay Fisher mentioned that he was invited to present to the Nevada Children's Commission Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> which is run by members of the Nevada Supreme Court. He is presenting an important item within EMS which is children with complex health disorders and diagnosis being reported in pediatric ED's. He wanted this committee to be aware that he is presenting to the Commission. He will be going to the Commission to ask for support for Covid mental health for the underserved population. Susie stated that is some noble work. She has seen it in the Reno ER that 5 out of 11 children needing mental health assistance.

Dr. Fisher asked if it was okay to say to the Commission that our Committee is aware of the need for trauma and is also concerned. Susie stated that just saying that you are a part of the Committee and there is an issue on the pediatric side for EMS, she does not see a problem with that nor an action from the Committee. Michael stated, right now we are in the clear but if our Committee is going to make a formal stance with a letter or notification in support, approval from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Administration will be needed. Mentioning the uptick in the crisis of mental health and suicides in our state makes sense. Dr. Fisher stated to have them reach out to him. He also mentioned we are having children staying months in the Emergency Department which impact multiple patients, which in turn impacts EMS.

Susie suggested sending information to Michael to start looking at approval from the managers above him, then we can add this to another agenda to provide more of a stance.

Susie asked for any other comments. None were provided.

**12. Announcement of next meeting date, and adjournment.**

The next EMSC Advisory Committee meeting date is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Adjournment was at 2:47 pm.