

**Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2024**

**Present:** Christine Bishof (ISMS)\*, John Collins, ***Vice Chair*** (Illinois EMT Assn), Amy Crane (Co-Chair, Pediatric Prehospital Committee), Lydia Edokpau-Aluyi (IHA), Susan Fuchs, (NAEMSP), Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Kelly Jones (EMSC/IDPH), Jason Kegg (IDPH/EMSC PI)\*, Evelyn Lyons (EMSC/IDPH), Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative)\*, Deon Myles (DCFS), George Paul (ICEP), Teresa Riech, ***Chair*** (ICAAP), Miranda Scott (School Health Program, IDPH)\*, James Weaver (IFCA).

Non-board member attendees: Danielle Albinger\*, Tammy DeLeonardis (IHA, meeting location facilitator), Patrick Dolan (Chair, EMSC Facility Recognition Committee)\*, Myto Duong (Co-Chair, EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee)\*, Tina Glim (board candidate), Michael Harries\*, Rytis Juzolenas (board candidate), Cinthia LaPorte (Vice Chair, PCCC Network), Dan Luthi (board candidate), Molly Moran (board candidate), Cassandra CJ Morris (Vice Chair, Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup), Kyra Myrick, Robert Newmyer (Chair, PCCC Network)\*, Kelly Weaver (board candidate)

**Excused:** Sheree Hammond (DCFS), Amy Hill (SafeKids), Kathy Swafford (ICAAP), Michael Wahl (Illinois Poison Center)

**Absent:** Lavanya Boddu (IAFP), Michael McCarter (EMS System Coordinator),

\*Via WebEx/teleconference

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Teresa Riech called the meeting to order at 10:04am. This meeting was held in-person at the IHA Naperville location, with WebEx capabilities for those unable to attend in-person. All were welcomed.	None
<b>Introductions</b>	Introductions were made.	None
<b>Review of 6/21/2024 Minutes</b>	The June 21, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Theresa Martinez motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; John Collins seconded the motion. All board members in attendance agreed to approve the minutes.	Minutes approved.
<b>Announcements/ Updates</b>	<p>Evelyn Lyons reviewed the following announcements/updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Passenger Safety Week - September 15 – 21. NHTSA website has educational flyers, videos, resources at <a href="https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/child-safety/car-seats-boosters-seat-belts">https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/child-safety/car-seats-boosters-seat-belts</a></li> <li>▪ Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) program. EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center. <a href="https://emscimprovement.center/partners/pmhca/pmhca-toolkit/">https://emscimprovement.center/partners/pmhca/pmhca-toolkit/</a></li> <li>▪ Newgard C, et al. Changes in Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness and Mortality. JAMA Network Open. 2024; 7(7): e2422107</li> <li>▪ Leonard J, et al. PECARN prediction rule for cervical spine imaging of children presenting to the emergency department with blunt trauma: a multicentre prospective observational study. The Lancet Child &amp; Adolescent Health. July 2024, vol 8 (7): 482-490.</li> <li>▪ AAP Optimizing Advanced Imaging of the Pediatric Patient in the Emergency Department: Policy Statement and Technical Report. Pediatrics. July 2024, vol 154 (7).</li> <li>▪ EMSC, Emergency Nurses Assn, Soc of Trauma Nurses. Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Guide. Rev 6/2024. <a href="https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/EMSC_Pediatric_Interfacility_Transfer_Guide.pdf">https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/EMSC_Pediatric_Interfacility_Transfer_Guide.pdf</a></li> <li>▪ There are several open board positions (see below). A few of these open positions have candidates that are pending the IDPH legal review process prior to being considered for appointment. Cindi suggested considering the addition of a radiology representative to the board in light of the need for safe imaging in children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ American Nurses Association – Illinois (PENDING APPOINTMENT)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ American Red Cross, Illinois Chapter (PENDING APPOINTMENT)</li> <li>○ Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (PENDING APPOINTMENT)</li> <li>○ Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) (PENDING APPOINTMENT)</li> <li>○ Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN)</li> <li>○ Illinois State Council, Emergency Nurses Association (PENDING APPOINTMENT)</li> <li>○ Parent representative</li> <li>○ Trauma Surgeon or Trauma Nurse Coordinator</li> <li>○ Child Advocate Group</li> <li>▪ Other organizational reports/updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>SafeKids</i> – Amy Hill forwarded a report identifying the following: SafeKids coalitions throughout the state have received funding from State Farm to implement car seat safety check-up programs. Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> is National Sear Check Saturday so many coalitions will hold free car seat check-up events; AAA has also funded two SafeKids coalitions in Illinois to promote car seat safety; October is SIDS Awareness Month so groups throughout the state will promote infant safe sleep with various events; Water safety groups continue to promote awareness of the amendment to the Illinois School code which requires water safety education in grades K-6; IDPH released an RFP for firearm safety promotion program, and SafeKids Chicago was part of a group at Lurie Children’s that received funding for a firearm safe storage program. They will distribute firearm trigger locks and storage safes with education. The program will run through June 2025. The speaker at their quarterly SafeKids Chicago/Illinois meeting will conduct a presentation for family related to safe firearm storage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.
<b>Advisory Board SPOTLIGHT</b>	<p><b>Overview – EMSC Program and Illinois EMSC Advisory Board</b> (Teresa Riech/Evelyn Lyons)</p> <p>Since there are several new board members and board candidates, this presentation provided an overview of the EMSC program, historical development, state demographics, the Federal Pediatric Readiness initiative, Illinois EMSC Advisory Board composition/requirements/responsibilities, and overview of National and Illinois EMSC resources. CJ Morris also reviewed the School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course.</p>	Please share this information within your organizations.
<b>IDPH, Division of EMS &amp; Highway Safety Report</b>	<p><b>Division of EMS report (Kelly Jones)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proposed changes to the Division’s Administrative Rules are now at second notice with JCAR. This includes changes to EMSC sections of the rules. Once adopted, communication will be sent to EMS Systems, prehospital and hospitals regarding the need for policy updates to assure compliance with new requirements.</li> <li>▪ Staffing updates: Kelly Vrablic is the new Data Manager that has been hired within the Division of EMS &amp; Highway Safety. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:Kelly.Vrablic@illinois.gov">Kelly.Vrablic@illinois.gov</a>. Brittany Slusser will begin next week as an Office Coordinator, Division of EMS &amp; Highway Safety.</li> <li>▪ The pass rate for the NREMT EMT examination in Illinois for the month of August was 82%. This surpasses the pass rate in August 2023 which was 61%.</li> <li>▪ The EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task Force has been established through legislation and is meeting biweekly. The task force will submit a report to the general assembly including findings and recommendations.</li> <li>▪ Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) grant project update – ICAHN is the hospital association for critical access hospitals, who serve as safety nets for their communities. They began receiving a small grant thru the Illinois EMSC partnership grant in 2023 to improve Pediatric Readiness in CAH’s. They have contracted with OSF Children’s Hospital/Saint Francis Medical Center to provide access to online pediatric</li> </ul>	FYI

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	<p>educational modules that provide a foundation for pediatric resuscitation. Next, in-person mock code simulations will be conducted. Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital outreach team will also conduct in-person simulations/mock codes at several CAHs in central and southern Illinois.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In addition, speakers are being explored to conduct other webinars related to pediatric topics that were identified from a needs assessment conducted of CAHs last year, ie pediatric mental health, drug abuse indicators/at-risk individuals, pediatric trauma, pediatric readiness.</li> <li>○ ICAHN continues to work with the CAHs to identify a Pediatric Quality Coordinator and Pediatric Physician Champion at each of the CAHs.</li> </ul>	FYI
<b>PCCC/EDAP/SEDP Updates</b>	<p>Kelly Jones provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Regions 4 &amp; 5</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post survey documentation has been submitted by hospitals and is undergoing review.</li> <li>○ Some approval letters have been sent out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Region 11</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site visits will be scheduled soon and are anticipated in Fall/early Winter 2024. Once dates are released, then webinars to review the site survey process will be scheduled and conducted.</li> <li>▪ One new PCCC application has been submitted, and is undergoing review.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Regions 1 &amp; 10</i> – Renewal educational sessions have been scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Region 1: 1:00pm – 4:00pm on 9/26/2024 at UW Health Swedish American Hospital, 4<sup>th</sup> floor</li> <li>○ Region 10: 10:00am – 1:00pm on 9/27/2024 at Evanston Hospital, Frank Auditorium</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Current participation in pediatric facility recognition (106 hospitals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PCCC/EDAP level = 11; EDAP level = 83; SEDP level = 12</li> <li>○ 3 recognized hospitals in Indiana will transition to the Indiana EMSC Facility Recognition program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Regional QI Committee reports/updates – key highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All regions are continuing work on their projects, including topics of sepsis, behavioral health, head injury, and others.</li> <li>○ The Region 9 co-chairs will present on their regional pediatric quality improvement initiatives at the Midwest EMSC Annual Emergency Department Symposium on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Their multi-center QI projects can serve as a model for other states. The presentation will focus on a pain quality monitor that involved 14 hospitals within Region 9.</li> <li>○ Region 3 still plans to engage with Region 6 on their sepsis project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	FYI
<b>Federal EMSC Updates</b>	<p>Evelyn Lyons discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2024 Pediatric Readiness online survey of all EMS agencies in U.S. that respond to 911 calls went live on May 1<sup>st</sup> and concluded on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The 60+ EMS System Coordinators in the state provided assistance by encouraging the agencies within their system to participate in the assessment, and they also assisted with some of the survey responses. The assessment data is undergoing analysis by the EMSC Data Center (EDC) in order to develop reports for each state, which will take several months to complete. Our state participation (46%) matched the National participation (46%).</li> <li>▪ Annual Midwest EMSC Pediatric Symposium – State EMSC programs in the Midwest have joined together each year to conduct pediatric educational symposiums with timely topics. A Prehospital Symposium will be conducted on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – 9:00pm (topics include human trafficking, obstetric emergencies), and an Emergency Department Symposium is planned in early December that will have a pediatric quality improvement focus. The Chairs of our Region 9 Pediatric Quality Improvement committee will present on their pediatric quality improvement structure and initiatives.</li> </ul>	FYI

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Committee Updates	<p>Committee chairs provided the following updates:</p> <p><b><i>Pediatric Prehospital Committee (Amy Crane/Myto Duong)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>2024 Pediatric Prehospital Protocol manual</i> – all of the protocols have been finalized and approved. The manual is now pending final editing by the EMSC office prior to distribution.</li> <li>▪ <i>Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative (PRRPC)</i> – this collaborative was responsible for gathering consensus on criteria for prehospital agency recognition programs. Minimum criteria is currently being finalized through the EIIC.</li> <li>▪ The next project for this committee is to develop a state Prehospital Agency Pediatric Recognition program, similar to the current hospital pediatric recognition program.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Facility Recognition Committee (Patrick Dolan/Kelly Jones)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) Collaborative</i> - this collaborative began in June 2023 and runs through December 2024. It allows hospitals to choose from one of the following pediatric focus areas: patient safety, patient assessment/reassessment, pain management, and suicide.</li> <li>▪ <i>Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative (PRRPC)</i> – As noted in the Pediatric Prehospital Committee, this collaborative is responsible for also defining minimum criteria for hospitals so states can use these criteria as they develop/update their hospital recognition programs. Consensus scoring on the criteria has been completed and the criteria are now being finalized by the EIIC.</li> <li>▪ The proposed statewide pediatric quality improvement monitor project that will focus on abnormal vital sign assessment/reporting/reassessment, is undergoing IRB review. Hospitals that choose to participate will complete memorandums of understanding. Patrick Dolan is working with Myto Duong to structure the data collection for this QI project through Southern Illinois University.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup (Teresa Riech)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Disaster Networking Collaborative (DNC)/Disaster Response Collaborative (DNR)</i> – these two collaboratives primarily target children’s hospitals and are aimed at enhancing pediatric disaster preparedness. The DNC concluded this summer. The DRC is the next phase which begins this month and will focus on supporting quality improvement initiatives to improve pediatric disaster response capability and capacity among children’s hospitals. Targeted areas include evacuation, reunification, surge, and triage/infection control/decontamination.</li> <li>▪ <i>Vascular Access in Pediatrics</i> educational module. This module is now available on the <a href="http://publichealthlearning.com">publichealthlearning.com</a> website and assists emergency personnel in better understanding specific requirements for establishing intravenous (IV) access in children, discussing various routes of access in pediatric patients, differentiating between different fluid choices, routes and speed of administration, and reviewing video clips that demonstrate strategies and techniques, as well as other related information.</li> <li>▪ <i>Summer 2024 School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course</i> - CJ Morris provided an update on the Summer SNEC courses. Seven courses were conducted and 137 school nurses attended. Overall evaluations were positive, however CJ is reviewing them and also collecting comments from the course instructors/coordinators to identify the need for any updates to the curricular materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SNEC Instructor courses – Two virtual instructor courses were conducted in May and June. The instructor candidates then completed their instructor requirements at the summer courses. There are now 13 new SNEC instructors to assist with teaching future courses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The new edition of the Pediatric Prehospital Protocol manual will be distributed by the EMSC office when final edits are completed.</p> <p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>

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<b>Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Network</b>	<p><b>PCCC Network (Robert Newmyer and Cinthia LaPorte)</b></p> <p>Bob Newmyer reported that he and Cindi are working to develop a collaborative between the children's hospitals and PCCC's within our state. They have received funding through the Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) to assist with this effort. Their initial goal is to visit each children's hospital/PCCC to discuss areas that a network could assist with. They will begin with site visits at Lurie Children's Hospital and Loyola University Medical Center, which are the hospitals that Bob and Cindi work at. They will then refine the site visit process based on feedback from their hospitals and set up a schedule to expand their visits to the other children's hospitals/PCCCs in Illinois.</p>	FYI
<b>Other/ Publications/ Presentations</b>	<p>Joe Hageman noted that Pediatric Annals will release an upcoming publication related to the surge of pediatric mental health issues, and the impact on healthcare. For example, he noted that naloxone usage has increased 60% in recent years.</p> <p>Kim Godden commented on the Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Guide that was shared at the beginning of the meeting and emphasized that interfacility transports are sometimes not covered by insurance if not viewed as an emergency. This is an important issue to be aware of. Cindi LaPorte pointed out the financial impact that this can have on families who are typically unaware that the expense may not be covered by their insurance.</p>	FYI
<b>Educational Resources</b>	<p>Website access to online Illinois EMSC funded modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UIC Public Health Learning: <a href="https://www.publichealthlearning.com">https://www.publichealthlearning.com</a></li> <li>TRAIN Illinois: <a href="https://www.train.org/illinois">https://www.train.org/illinois</a></li> <li>Subscribe to the <u>EMSCPULSE</u> newsletter</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Educational Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Region 7 In the Midst of Chaos 2024 Annual Conference.</i> September 20, 2024 at Tinley Park Convention Center. <a href="https://inthemidstofchaos.org">https://inthemidstofchaos.org</a></li> <li><i>Region 8 Trauma Symposium.</i> October 10, 2024 at Embassy Suites in Naperville. Register at <a href="https://www.region8traumaconf.org/home">https://www.region8traumaconf.org/home</a></li> <li><i>Missouri EMSC's Just in Time Training for Prehospital Providers.</i> Virtual training (45 minutes in length) held every other Wed at 1:00pm CT. Illinois providers are welcome. <a href="https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/92422813596?pwd=djh3MFo3TTE2NnFnbGVHNDdpdDZDdz09">https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/92422813596?pwd=djh3MFo3TTE2NnFnbGVHNDdpdDZDdz09</a> (Meeting ID: 924 2281 3596 and Passcode: 378302)</li> <li>Visit the <i>EMSC Improvement &amp; Innovation Center (EIIC)</i> for toolkits, guidelines, educational videos, action plans, multiple resources.</li> </ul>	Share these resources within your organizations.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is <b>10:00am - 12:00pm on Friday, December 6, 2024</b> . The meeting will be held in-person at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association, Naperville with WebEx capabilities.	A meeting reminder will be sent to all board members.
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further business, a call for adjournment was made. George Paul motioned for adjournment and John Collins seconded the motion. All were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.	Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by Evelyn Lyons