

**Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2023**

Present: Christine Bishof (ISMS)*, Susan Fuchs, Chair (Natl. Assn EMS Physicians), Sally Griepentrog (IL ENA)*, Sheree Hammond (DCFS)*, Kelly Jones (EMSC/IDPH)*, Evelyn Lyons (EMSC/IDPH), Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative)*, George Paul (ICEP)*, Miranda Scott (School Health Program, IDPH)*, Kathy Swafford (ICAAP)*, Michael Wahl (Illinois Poison Center), J. Thomas Willis (Vice-Chair, Illinois Fire Fighters Assn. Non-board member attendees: Lynn Akker, Andrei Brzazgon, Amy Crane (Co-Chair, EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee), Tammy DeLeonardis, Patrick Dolan (Chair, EMSC Facility Recognition Committee), Myto Duong (Co-Chair, EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee)*, Leslie Flament*, Patricia Schou*

Excused: John Collins (Illinois EMT Assn), Amy Hill (SafeKids), Jason Kegg (IDPH/EMSC PI), Teresa Riech (ICAAP)

Absent: Richard Baker (ICAHN), Lavanya Boddu (IAFP), Lydia Edokpau-Aluyi (IHA), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Michael McCarter (EMS System Coordinator), Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA), Bonnie Salvetti (ANA-Illinois), James Weaver (IFCA)

*Via WebEx/teleconference

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Call to Order	Susan Fuchs 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
Introductions	Introductions were made.	None
Review of 9/8/2023 Minutes	The September 8, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed. Tom Willis motioned for approval; Patrick Dolan seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed to approve the minutes.	Minutes approved.
Announcements/ Updates	<p>Sue Fuchs and Evelyn Lyons reviewed the following announcements/updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tom Willis (current Board Vice-Chair and representative for the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois) announced that he will retire from the board in 2024 effective after the March 1, 2024 meeting when a new Vice-Chair will be elected. Tom has served on the board since the board was established 30 years ago. We wish Tom all the best in his retirement! ▪ Several board positions are currently open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Red Cross, Illinois Chapter - Paola Smith, MD resigned ○ Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois – (position will be vacant upon Tom’s resignation) ○ Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) – Jeanne Grady retiring ○ Family representative – Kendra Smith Cole resigned ○ Trauma Surgeon or Trauma Coordinator; Child Advocate Group ▪ Reminder: Illinois EMSC educational modules and all EMSC resources, guidelines, and tools are available at publichealthlearning.com/course (click on Illinois EMS for Children links). ▪ Other organizational reports/updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>DCFS</i> – Sheree Hammond noted that Mark Smith, DCFS Director is resigning in two weeks. ○ <i>SafeKids</i> – Amy Hill was unable to attend today’s meeting, but sent a report. She noted that they are continuing with their car seat distribution and education program. The demand for car seats continues to be unprecedented, particularly with the closure of the Stroger Hospital car seat program in 2020. 	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.

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	<p>They have now connected with Stroger to try to serve more in their community. The arrival of asylum-seeking families in Chicago has increased the demand for car seats and portable cribs. In response, they are currently training community-based Safe Sleep Ambassadors to educate parents and caregivers on infant safe sleep, and are distributing cribs through referral programs with more than 20 providers. Also, they continue to lead the Water Safety Task Force Metro Chicago. The campaigns for Child Passenger Safety week in late September and SIDS Awareness Month in October were successful. Lastly, Amy noted that National SafeKids is revamping all of their coalition agreements and terminating many state coalition contracts, which will likely include Illinois. There will likely only be a Chicago coalition, so Amy is looking for direction on her board role moving forward.</p>	FYI
Advisory Board SPOTLIGHT	<p>Organizations represented on the EMSC Advisory Board are provided an opportunity to present their programs. Highlighted at today’s meeting was the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) which is represented on the board. Pat Schou is the Executive Director, ICAHN. She discussed the background and mission of ICAHN, which serves as a voice for critical access hospitals and rural hospitals in our state. They are the hospital association for these hospitals, who serve as safety nets for their communities with limited resources. The healthcare needs within the rural communities are growing. There are currently 59 hospitals that are members of ICAHN (35 are independent; 24 are part of a corporate system). Five of these facilities still have OB services. Their telemedicine capabilities are growing. A new Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) model has been implemented thru CMS to assist in providing rural areas with emergency capabilities. Although there are 17 REH’s within the U.S., there has been no interest by Illinois rural hospitals at this time. ICAHN is a new recipient of EMSC funding from IDPH to improve pediatric readiness in rural hospitals, and to assist them in meeting specific core elements related to pediatric facility recognition, such as having a Pediatric Quality Coordinator and Pediatric Physician Champion. Their first effort thru this grant was conducting several focus groups to collect needs assessment information. 90 hospital representatives participated at these sessions and provided useful feedback.</p>	Please share this information within your organizations.
OSF Children’s Hospital of Illinois/Saint Francis Medical Center	<p>As noted at the September meeting, OSF Children’s Hospital at Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria is now the IDPH grant awardee for the Pediatric Preparedness grant thru the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). Teresa Riech, MD is the grant Principal Investigator and Cassandra “CJ” Morris, MSN, RN, CPN has recently taken the grant position as the Project Coordinator/Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coordinator. They will be sharing reports at upcoming meetings on grant project activities and progress.</p>	FYI
IDPH, Division of EMS & Highway Safety Report	<p>Kelly shared the following Division of EMS report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comments to the large package of proposed EMS rules have been submitted to IDPH by the State EMS Council and are undergoing review. The next step is to release the proposed rules for a first notice 45-day Public Comment period. IDPH will respond to all submitted comments. ▪ EMS System Plan amendments that were submitted are undergoing review by IDPH, and letters of participation from the EMS Systems were due on October 31, 2024. ▪ Decatur Memorial Hospital in Region 6 has been recently designated as a new EMS Resource Hospital. ▪ IDPH Division of EMS staff have been participating in trainings including Response to Terrorist Bombings. ▪ A new epidemiologist has been hired by the Division of EMS through the CDC Foundation (Ann Davis). This is a temp position, and she is assisting with virtual assessment of databases. We hope to fill the position soon with a permanent epidemiologist. 	FYI

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PCCC/EDAP/ SEDP Updates	<p>Kelly Jones provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region 2 renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval letters are being sent out. ▪ Region 8 renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site visits began in November and will be completed on December 8, 2023. ▪ Regions 4 & 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educational sessions were held on 9/27/2023 for Region 5 hospitals and on 9/28/2023 for Region 4 hospitals. Their renewal applications are due on Friday, January 19, 2024 ○ Site visits are anticipated in May/June 2024. ▪ Region 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Their renewal educational session is scheduled 9:00am – 12:00pm on February 6, 2024 at Community First Medical Center, Chicago ▪ Current participation in pediatric facility recognition (106 hospitals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCCC/EDAP level = 10; EDAP level = 84; SEDP level = 12 ○ 3 recognized hospitals in Indiana will transition to the Indiana EMSC Facility Recognition program. One Indiana hospital is an Illinois EMS Resource Hospital, and will submit a waiver request. ○ Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana is undergoing review for PCCC designation. ▪ Regional QI Committee reports/updates – Kelly noted some key quality improvement highlights. Topics for regional QI projects include head injury, accidental ingestions, abuse screening, behavior health, respiratory pathways. Lots of great work by the regional committees. There has been quite a bit of turnover in the PQC role, as well as transition with the regional chair role as well. Also, a few hospitals have been participating in the EIIC ED Stop Suicide collaborative, and some of that work was seen during recent site visits. Regions continue to be encouraged to consider submitting their work for poster presentations or publication. 	FYI
Federal EMSC Updates	<p>Evelyn Lyons discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative – Work continues at the national level to gather consensus on minimum criteria for states to consider using in their Hospital and Prehospital Agency recognition programs. A Delphi process is being utilized, and multiple rounds of consensus are underway. Both the Pediatric Prehospital Committee and the Facility Recognition & QI Committee have been involved in providing feedback on how Illinois should score each criteria item. It is anticipated that at least one or two more voting rounds will take place thru this Delphi Process before final criteria is determined. ▪ A comprehensive Pediatric Readiness online survey will be conducted in 2024 of all EMS agencies in U.S. that respond to 911 calls. The survey will contain 200 questions, however not all questions will be applicable to all agencies. As soon as the survey is available, we will share with the EMS community, and will request EMS leadership and stakeholders to promote completion of the survey. ▪ The Annual Midwest EMSC Pediatric Symposium was conducted on November 2nd for EMS personnel and on November 9th for ED staff. Both sessions were well received. The ED session was recorded and will be made available soon on the Children’s Hospital of Minnesota website. ▪ The Family Advisory Network Strategic Plan was finalized and submitted to HRSA prior to the October 1st deadline. Each state needed to formulate a strategic plan. Illinois still needs to fill our FAN role on the board. 	FYI

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Committee Updates	<p>Committee chairs provided the following updates:</p> <p><i>Pediatric Prehospital Committee (Amy Crane and Myto Duong)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amy Crane reviewed revisions to each of the below prehospital protocols and requested approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Pediatric Seizures (ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Sue Fuchs motioned to approve, and Theresa Martinez seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Pediatric Respiratory Distress (BLS/EMR)</i> – George Paul motioned to approve, and Patrick Dolan seconded; <i>(ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve and Theresa Martinez seconded. All were in agreement to approve these documents. ○ <i>Neonatal Resuscitation (BLS/EMR)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Patrick Dolan seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Pediatric Altered Mental Status (BLS/EMR)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Sue Fuchs seconded; <i>(ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve and George Paul seconded. All were in agreement to approve these documents. ○ <i>Bradycardia (BLS/EMR)</i> – Sue Fuchs motioned to approve, and Tom Willis seconded; <i>(ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Christine Bishoff motioned to approve and Theresa Martinez seconded. All were in agreement to approve these documents. ○ <i>Pulseless Arrest (BLS/EMR)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Sue Fuchs seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Pulseless Arrest-Asystole/PEA Pathway (ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Mike Wahl seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Pulseless Arrest-VF/VT Pathway (ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Christine Bishof motioned to approve, and Patrick Dolan seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Tachycardia (BLS/EMR)</i> – Sue Fuchs motioned to approve, and Patrick Dolan seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Tachycardia – Narrow QRS Pathway (ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Sue Fuchs motioned to approve, and Tom Willis seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. ○ <i>Tachycardia – Wide QRS Pathway (ALS/ILS/AEMT)</i> – Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Sue Fuchs seconded. All were in agreement to approve this document. <p><i>Facility Recognition Committee (Patrick Dolan)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Dolan provided a committee update, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National EMSC has several collaborative quality improvement projects. A number of Illinois hospital currently participate on these projects , and others are encouraged to join. ○ A statewide quality improvement project thru this committee is proposed addressing abnormal vital signs assessment/reporting/reassessment. Patrick reviewed a slide presentation from a National EMSC collaborative project on vital signs and noted plans for the Illinois project. Mike Wahl asked how abnormal vital signs will be identified – Epic and EMR’s can assist. Approximately 20 charts/week will be reviewed at each hospital. More details will be shared as the project moves forward. ○ Also, the committee is looking at strategies to engage more hospitals in the facility recognition program. The project through the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network will assist with this effort. ▪ Leslee Flament reviewed some new content updates that are being made to the <i>DRAFT Child Maltreatment Guidelines/Toolkit</i>. The document is also undergoing an internal review and that review is anticipated to be completed in January. 	<p>These approved protocols will be included in the final new version of the Pediatric Prehospital Protocol manual.</p> <p>FYI</p>

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	<p><i>Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A recruitment flyer was reviewed that was developed by IMERT to recruit more physicians and nurses to volunteer on the Pediatric Care Medical Specialist (PCMS) team. This team will provide virtual assistance during a disaster, thru telemedicine and other means to assist hospitals that typically do not manage the more seriously ill/injured pediatric patient. Share within your organizations. If interested, please contact IMERT. ▪ The EMS/Prehospital Burn Resource pocket card has undergone some minor revisions and was approved by the workgroup at their last meeting. Tom Willis motioned to approve, and Patrick Dolan seconded. All were in agreement to approve this card for distribution. 	
Other/ Publications/ Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Just a reminder since flu season has begun – encourage vaccinations and address educational needs of staff related to managing the RSV patient. ▪ A helpful educational webinar is the <i>Acute Respiratory Distress in Infants and Toddlers: Acute Bronchiolitis</i> educational module which can be accessed on publichealthlearning.com/course. Provides ED staff with just-in-time information on management of bronchiolitis/RSV. 	Share within your organizations
Educational Resources	<p>Website access to online Illinois EMSC funded modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UIC Public Health Learning: https://www.publichealthlearning.com ▪ TRAIN Illinois: https://www.train.org/illinois <p><u>Other Educational Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <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. https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/92422813596?pwd=djh3MFo3TTE2NnFnbGVHNDdpdDZDdz09 (Meeting ID: 924 2281 3596 and Passcode: 378302) ▪ Visit the <i>EMSC Improvement & Innovation Center (EIIC)</i> for toolkits, multiple resources, guidelines, educational videos, action plans, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pediatric Readiness Hospital Toolkit - https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/readiness-toolkit/ ○ Pediatric Prehospital Toolkit – https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/pprp=toolkit/ ○ Critical Crossroads: Pediatric Mental Health Care in the Emergency Department https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/toolkits/critical-crossroads-pediatric-mental-health-care-ed/ ▪ <i>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Network</i>. AAP educational web-based tools – free access after establishing an account. Visit: https://moodlemedce.com/pem-education/ 	<p>Share these resources within your organizations.</p> <p>FYI</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Just prior to this meeting, Kathy Swafford noted that our next meeting (March 29, 2024) is on Good Friday, which may impact participation. We will work with IHA to identify an alternate March meeting date. The 2024 meetings will continue to be scheduled 10:00am - 12:00pm (see meeting dates below). The meetings will be held in-person at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association, Naperville with WebEx capabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 2024 PENDING ▪ Friday, June 21, 2024 ▪ Friday, September 13, 2024 ▪ Friday, December 6, 2024 	A meeting reminder will be sent to all board members.

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Adjournment	With no further business, a call for adjournment was made. George Paul motioned for adjournment and Theresa Martinez seconded the motion. All were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.	Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by Evelyn Lyons