

**Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2024**

Present: Susan Agrawal (The Arc of Illinois - family rep)*, Christine Bishof (ISMS)*, John Collins, **Vice Chair** (Illinois EMT Assn), Lydia Edokpau-Aluyi (IHA)*, Susan Fuchs, (NAEMSP), Tina Glim (DSCC), Sheree Hammond (DCFS), Kelly Jones (EMSC/IDPH)*, Rytis Juzolenas (AFFI), Nancy Lewis (Trauma Nurse Coordinator)*, Dan Luthi (American Red Cross, IL Chapter)*, Evelyn Lyons (EMSC/IDPH), Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative), George Paul (ICEP), Teresa Riech, **Chair** (ICAAP)*, Miranda Scott (School Health Program, IDPH)*, Michael Wahl (Illinois Poison Center), James Weaver (IFCA)*, Kelly Weaver (Illinois ENA)*

Non-board member attendees: Lynn Akker*, Amy Crane (Co-Chair, Pediatric Prehospital Committee)*, Tammy DeLeonardis (IHA, meeting location facilitator), Patrick Dolan (Chair, EMSC Facility Recognition Committee)*, Myto Duong (Co-Chair, EMSC Pediatric Prehospital Committee)*, Kelly Hamerlinck*, Tonya Hedges*, Crystal Lathen (IHA, meeting location facilitator), Sally Lemke*, Becky Mikel*, Cassandra 'CJ' Morris (Vice Chair, Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup), Kyra Myrick, Irene Wadhams*

Excused: Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA), Amy Hill (SafeKids), Jason Kegg (IDPH/EMSC PI), Deon Myles (DCFS), Kathy Swafford (ICAAP)

Absent: Lavanya Boddu (IAFP), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Michael McCarter (EMS System Coordinator), Molly Moran (ANA-Illinois)

*Via WebEx/teleconference

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Call to Order	Teresa Riech called the meeting to order at 10:00am. 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	Roll call was conducted and names of all in attendance were identified.	None
Review of 9/13/2024 Minutes	The September 13, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Susan Fuchs motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; John Collins seconded the motion. All board members in attendance agreed to approve the minutes.	Minutes approved.
Announcements/ Updates	Dr Riech and Evelyn Lyons reviewed the following announcements/updates: ▪ <i>Pediatric Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) Interactive Dashboard</i>, CDC https://www.cdc.gov/nvsn/php/ari-dashboard/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nvsn/ari.html. Dr Riech reviewed the dashboard and walked thru some of the pediatric respiratory surveillance information that can be accessed. ▪ <i>The Management of Children and Youth with Pediatric Mental and Behavioral Health Emergencies</i>. Saidinejad, M; Duffy, S, et al. Pediatrics. 2023; 152. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37584106/ ▪ <i>Crowding in the Emergency Department: Challenges and Recommendations for the Care of Children</i>. Gross, TK; Lane, NE, et al. Pediatrics. 2023; 151. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36808290/ ▪ New board members were welcomed who recently received appointment letters from Dr Vohra, Director, IDPH ○ Susan Agrawal - Parent/Family representative (The Arc of Illinois) ○ Tina Glim - Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) ○ Rytis Juzolenas - Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois ○ Nancy Lewis - Trauma Nurse Coordinator ○ Daniel Luthi - American Red Cross, Illinois Chapter ○ Molly Moran - American Nurses Association – Illinois ○ Kelly Weaver - Illinois State Council, Emergency Nurses Association	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.

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	○ Board positions still pending ▪ Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) ▪ Child Advocate Group ▪ Other organizational reports/updates: ○ <i>SafeKids</i> – Amy Hill forwarded a report identifying that: SafeKids coalitions throughout the state have received funding from State Farm to implement car seat safety check-up programs; AAA has funded two SafeKids coalitions in Illinois to promote car seat safety; Water safety groups continue to promote awareness of the amendment to the Illinois School code which requires water safety education in grades K-6; SafeKids Chicago at Lurie Children’s received funding for a firearm safe storage program, and will distribute firearm trigger locks and storage safes with education. ○ <i>Child Maltreatment Toolkit, 3rd Edition, 2025</i> – Sue Fuchs provided an update on this resource which was originally developed by Illinois EMSC to serve as a guide/resource when managing the clinical and psychosocial needs of children presenting to the ED with suspected child abuse/neglect. Through grant funding, Lurie Children’s took on the responsibility to create a 3rd Edition of this document and has expanded the contents, added new resources, and worked to ensure consistency with current practice standards. This document can be accessed at https://www.luriechildrens.org/child-maltreatment-toolkit. Please share within your organizations.	Board members are asked to share this information within their respective organizations and communities, as applicable.
Advisory Board SPOTLIGHT	Organizations represented on the EMSC Advisory Board are provided an opportunity to present their programs or organizations. Highlighted at today’s meeting was LaRabida Children’s Hospital. Theresa Martinez reviewed the history and provided an overview of services provided at LaRabida Children’s Hospital and the children that it serves. Theresa discussed their inpatient, outpatient, and wrap around services, including their acute rehabilitative services. LaRabida also serves as a child advocacy center and conducts forensic interviewing; provides services for children who have been abused, neglected or experienced trauma; are a system point of entry for early intervention services for the Southeast Chicago area; provides mental health assessments for children entering DCFS custody.	Please share this information within your organizations.
IDPH, Division of EMS & Highway Safety Report	Division of EMS report (Kelly Jones/Evelyn Lyons) ▪ <i>EMSC staff changes</i> – Evelyn confirmed that she is retiring as the EMSC Manager effective 12/31/2024 after serving in this role for 30 years. She noted that its been an honor to be part of such a collaborative effort, and conveyed thanks for all the generous assistance that EMSC advisory board members and committee members have lent over the years. Evelyn will still work with EMSC on a part-time basis thru a contract with IDPH. Kelly will cover the EMSC Manager responsibilities in the interim until the position is filled. ▪ <i>Division Update Report</i> ○ The Division’s Administrative Rules were adopted on November 1, 2024. System plan amendments are due prior to August 1, 2025 ○ The pass rate for the NREMT EMT examination in Illinois at first attempt for the second half of the year is currently 72%. This day last year, it was at 59%. ○ The EMT Training, Recruitment and Retention Task Force, established through legislation, continues to meet, and will submit a report to the general assembly including findings and recommendations. ○ IDPH Stroke Hospital Designation Count is ASRH (79); PSC (59); and CSC (18). In September, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center was accredited as a Primary Stroke Center Plus. ○ EMS staff are currently processing licensing requests within 2 weeks from the date the department receives the application or renewal.	FYI

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	○ The IDOT quarterly report submission has changed and will now be submitted in Amplifund. ○ Trauma Registry is no longer accessible through the DPH portal, but through the Trauma Coordinators SharePoint. This has been communicated via the Trauma Community listserv. ● Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) grant project update – IDPH has been providing grant funding thru the EMSC partnership grant to ICAHN to support pediatric emergency care education and training for critical access hospitals, who serve as safety nets for their communities. This includes online webinars on topics such as pediatric readiness and managing the needs of pediatric patients with respiratory distress, and those with behavioral health issues. On October 25th, Nicolena Mitchell (Colorado EMSC) and Kelly Jones (Illinois EMSC) co-presented on Pediatric Readiness to the critical access hospitals. An upcoming webinar by national presenter Jermaine Galloway, known as TallCop, on the recognition and current trends of drug and alcohol abuse among teens, will be held on December 12. Also, in-person mock code/simulations will be offered at a January ICAHN conference and supported by OSF Children’s Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. ICAHN continues to work with the CAHs to identify a Pediatric Quality Coordinator and Pediatric Physician Champion at each of the CAHs. ▪ EMS Administrative Code updates - Revisions to the EMS Administrative Rules were adopted on Nov 1, 2024, and include a number of pediatric updates as reviewed at previous board meetings. Communication regarding these changes are being shared with hospital Pediatric Quality Coordinators, EMS Systems, EMSC committees, prehospital and hospitals stakeholders, and others. A summary of all pediatric/EMSC changes are outlined in a 6-page handout that was distributed to board members at this meeting.	FYI
EMSC Advisory Board Bylaws	Evelyn reviewed the EMSC Advisory Board bylaws which were last updated in 2022. Based on updates to the EMS Administrative Code and the need for other changes, the following edits have been made to the bylaws: Article I – the trauma manager representative will be recommended by the State Trauma Advisory Council since the Illinois Trauma Coordinators Coalition no longer exists; the Illinois EMT Association name has changed to the Illinois EMS Association; and the Illinois Fire Fighters Association name has changed to the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois; Article V, 5.2 – a new sentence was added “Meetings may be conducted in-person with virtual capabilities or may be held by virtual capabilities only.”; 5.13 – a typo in the word “authenticated” was fixed; Article 9.17 was deleted since it outlined the EMSC Prevention and Public Education Committee, which no longer exists - subsequent bullets were re-numbered. A motion to approve these changes was made by George Paul and seconded by Sue Fuchs. All were in agreement and the motion was approved by the board. The board was asked if the Child Advocate Group should remain as a board position since it has been vacant for several years, and it has been difficult to identify a statewide group to serve in this role. Currently SAFEKIDS and The Arc of Illinois serve on the board and are considered child/family advocate groups. The board felt that its important to keep this role. Recommendations should be forwarded to EMSC regarding potential organizations that could serve in this role.	Evelyn will update the bylaws as noted, and the revised bylaws will be posted on the EMSC website. Board members are asked to assist in identifying a statewide child advocate group that could serve on the board.
PCCC/EDAP/ SEDP Updates	Kelly Jones provided the following updates: ▪ <i>Regions 4 & 5</i> ○ Follow-up virtual visits were conducted at a few hospitals ○ Approval letters are being sent out. ▪ <i>Region 11</i> ▪ Site visits began in November and will conclude on 12/11/2024. ▪ One new PCCC application has undergone review, and a site visit was recently conducted.	FYI

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	▪ One hospital requested an application extension, and their application will be due in January 2025 ▪ <i>Regions 1 & 10</i> ○ Their renewal educational sessions were conducted in September ○ Renewal applications are due January 17, 2025 ○ Site visits are anticipated May/June 2025 ▪ Current participation in pediatric facility recognition (106 hospitals) ○ PCCC/EDAP level = 11; EDAP level = 83; SEDP level = 12 ○ A new EMS Resource hospital will be submitting an EDAP application soon; and there are a few hospitals that have expressed interest in submitting an initial application. ▪ Regional QI Committee reports/updates – key highlights ○ All regions are continuing work on their projects, and several have begun to identify new topics/conditions to monitor in 2025. ○ The Region 9 co-chairs conducted a presentation on their regional pediatric quality improvement initiatives at the Midwest EMSC Annual Emergency Department Symposium that was held yesterday. The presentation on their pediatric pain quality monitor involved 14 hospitals, was well received and can serve as a model for other states. ○ Region 11 will have a change in their chair. Mo Otting will mentor Barbara Villanova and Tes Gonzaga-Reardon as they transition into the new co-chair roles.	FYI
Federal EMSC Updates	Evelyn Lyons discussed the following: ▪ She is currently working on the HRSA State Partnership Grant non-competing continuation progress report which is due on December 17, 2024. ▪ Individual state reports are still pending for the 2024 Pediatric Readiness online survey of all EMS agencies in U.S. that respond to 911 calls. The assessment data is undergoing analysis by the EMSC Data Center (EDC) in order to develop reports for each state. It is anticipated that the reports should be available in early 2025. Our state participation (46%) matched the National participation (46%). ▪ 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 was conducted on October 29th and provided attendees with CE certificates for 4.25 hours (topics included respiratory emergencies, human trafficking, obstetric emergencies),. An Emergency Department Symposium was held yesterday (December 5th) and focused on pediatric quality improvement focus, with national and local speakers (the Region 9 co-chairs presented as well as speakers from Lurie Children’s Hospital).	FYI
Committee Updates	Committee chairs provided the following updates: <i>Pediatric Prehospital Committee (Amy Crane/Myto Duong)</i> ▪ <i>2024 Pediatric Prehospital Protocol manual</i> – the new edition has been finalized and is now posted on the PublicHealthLearning website. It was also emailed to EMS System Coordinators and other EMS stakeholders. ▪ <i>State Prehospital Agency Pediatric Recognition Program</i> – grant funding will support a temporary contractual position thru UIC to kickstart the development of the requirements, guidelines, resources and other activities necessary for an EMS Agency Pediatric Recognition program and then to pilot the process at a few agencies in our state. Interviews are being scheduled and a contractor is anticipated to be on board in January. The national prehospital consensus minimum criteria is currently under review by Federal EMSC/HRSA program.	FYI

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	Facility Recognition Committee (Patrick Dolan/Kelly Jones) ▪ <i>National EMSC Collaborative projects</i> – Currently the Pediatric Readiness Quality 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. Three Illinois hospitals are participating. A couple of regions are exploring applying to the NPRQI to support their regional quality project in 2025. In addition, the Disaster Response Collaborative began in September 2024 and transitioned from the Disaster Networking Collaborative. Several hospitals in Illinois are participating and are working on projects within this collaborative. ▪ <i>Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Collaborative (PRRPC)</i> – As noted in the Pediatric Prehospital Committee, the minimum criteria is under review by the Federal EMSC/HRSA program. This collaborative defined minimum and “stretch” criteria for both hospital and prehospital agency recognition programs. ▪ The proposed statewide pediatric quality improvement monitor project that will focus on abnormal vital sign assessment/reporting/reassessment received IRB approval in November. 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. Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup (Teresa Riech/Cassandra “CJ” Morris) ▪ <i>Hospital Site Visits</i> – The disaster assessment components of the PCCC/EDAP/SEDP site visits are now back to being conducted in-person. Since COVID, they have conducted virtually. Having them integrated once again during the in-person site visits greatly enhances the ability to capture information and work more collaboratively with the hospital emergency management personnel. ▪ <i>Educational module reviews</i> – The following EMSC educational modules are undergoing review by the OSF grant team: Pediatric DKA, Seizures, Decontamination, and Reunification. The Pediatric Mental Health module is pending review by a behavioral health subject matter expert. ▪ <i>Disaster Response Collaborative (DNR)</i> – this collaborative primarily targets children’s hospitals and is aimed at enhancing pediatric disaster preparedness. The DRC follows the Disaster Networking Collaborative and is the next phase in this process. It focuses 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. ▪ <i>Summer 2024 School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course</i> - CJ Morris identified that the summer course evaluations are undergoing review to determine the need for curricular updates (for example the mental health chapter may need more information added). She is also gathering input from the summer course coordinators. Overall the evaluations were positive.	FYI FYI
Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC) Network	No report provided. Kelly noted that Bob Newmyer has needed to step down from this project to devote more time to his work with the Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN). Cindi LaPorte was unavailable for today’s meeting.	FYI
Other/ Publications/ Presentations	No updates.	FYI
Educational Resources	Website access to online Illinois EMSC funded modules ▪ UIC Public Health Learning: https://www.publichealthlearning.com ▪ TRAIN Illinois: https://www.train.org/illinois <u>Other Educational Opportunities</u>	Share these resources within your organizations.

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	▪ <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) ▪ Subscribe to the <u>EMSCPULSE</u> newsletter ▪ Visit the <i>EMSC Improvement & Innovation Center (EIIC)</i> for toolkits, guidelines, educational videos, action plans, multiple resources.	
Next Meeting	The 2025 meetings are scheduled as noted below. Note that all meetings will be held 10:00am - 12:00pm. An in-person location is being discussed. WebEx capabilities will be available. ▪ Friday, March 14, 2025 ▪ Friday, June 6, 2025 - Friday, September 12, 2025 - Friday, December 5, 2025	WebEx invites for 2025 meetings will be sent out and meeting reminders will be sent to all board members.
Adjournment	With no further business, a call for adjournment was made. Mike Wahl motioned for adjournment and George Paul seconded the motion. All were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.	Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes submitted by Evelyn Lyons