

**ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2018**

Present: Paula Atteberry (IDPH)⁺, Christine Bishof (ISMS)*, Young Chung (American Red Cross), John Collins (IEMTA), Darcy Egging (IENA)*, Dylan Ferguson (EMS Coordinator), Susan Fuchs, Chair (Natl. Assn EMS Physicians), Angelica Hernandez (School Health Program, IDPH)*, Evelyn Lyons (IDPH/EMSC), Lubna Madani (IAFP)*, Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative), Teresa Riech (ICAAP)*, Michael Wahl (IHA/MCHC), J. Thomas Willis (IL Fire Fighters Assn). NON-BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES: Emily McDowell (UnityPoint Health – Trinity, Rock Island)⁺, Adams Sowell (UnityPoint Health – Trinity, Rock Island)⁺, Bev Weaver (EMSC Facility Recognition & QI Committee)

Excused: Jean Becker (IDPH School Health Program), Jeanne Grady (IL DSCC), Amy Hill (SafeKids), Ruth Kafensztok (EMSC), Laura Prestidge (EMSC), Bonnie Salvetti (ANA-Illinois), Kathy Swafford (ICAAP)

Absent: Mark Cichon (Loyola), Frances Collins (DCFS), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Mike Hansen (IFCA), Kevin Katzbeck (Family representative), Denise McCaffrey (Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois), Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA), Kristen Tindall (IHA)

*Via teleconference

⁺Via video-conference site

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| Call to Order | Susan Fuchs called the meeting to order at 10:05am. | None |
| Introductions | Introductions were made. | None |
| Review of 12/1/2017 Meeting Minutes | The December 1, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Tom Willis made a motion for approval; John Collins seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed to approve the minutes. | Minutes approved |
| Announcements/ Updates | <p>Susan Fuchs reviewed the following announcements/updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois EMSC has officially transitioned to Lurie Children’s Hospital effective March 1, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website is scheduled to launch this evening – www.luriechildrens.org/emsc ○ Laura Prestidge is pending a contract to work on the At-Risk grant deliverable thru HPP funding. ○ Ramona Rendon – contact info is 312-227-5466 or rrendon@luriechildrens.org ○ Evelyn Lyons – contact info is 312-793-1234 or Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov ▪ <i>Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care awards</i> – Nominations due on March 23rd however extensions were requested. ▪ April 2018 – Child Abuse Prevention Month – www.preventchildabuseillinois.org ▪ Other organizational reports/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCFS – no report ○ IHA – Mike Wahl provided a report. March was Poison Prevention month, with over 1000 events. Many fire departments have conducted community safety events. Note there is an outbreak of severe coagulopathy from synthetic cannabinoid (thought to be contaminated with a very long acting rodenticide). Vitamin K is needed for 6 month duration, and several hospitals have run out. He recommends if someone presents with unexplained bleeding, obtain a history re synthetic cannabinoid use (often called K-2, spice, bath salts). 24 cases reported in Illinois, first cases in Chicago, 1 case in Indiana (who got supply from Chicago). | <p>FYI</p> <p>Send any new announcements to Evelyn Lyons for future meetings</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SafeKids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>State level</i> – Currently there are 6 coalitions in the state. Another coalition in downstate Illinois has dropped out. ○ <i>Local level</i> - <u>Safe on the Road program</u>: To date in 2018, have distributed 350 child safety seats with 12 partner organizations at 17 sites and taught 11 free workshops for community members and health care providers. <u>Buckle Up for Life program</u>: funded by Toyota with 1 car seat workshop at New Moms in Austin. Have 10 workshops scheduled at ACCESS Community health centers this Spring. Also, received funding from AAA to purchase car seats for the program but funding reduced for this year. Will host Bike to School day at Wells Prep school in Bronzeville on May 9th. ○ <i>General Info</i> - Will host a Safe Kids Day at Lurie Children’s on Tues 4/10. Focus on Summer Safety. Finishing up with Baby Box distribution project - results in May. Partnering with Northwestern and US Drug Enforcement Agency on National Drug Take Back day on April 28th. Held a successful Facebook Live event on Smoke/CO detectors with Chicago Fire Dept on March 7th. ▪ Educational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Pediatric Emergency Medicine Network</i>. Educational web based tools by AAP. Need to establish an account to access the site but it is free to join. Visit: http://moodle.pemfellows.com/ ○ <i>EMSC Online Courses</i>, University of New Mexico, Department of Emergency Medicine, https://emed.unm.edu/pem/programs/ems-for-children-emsc/training-and-continuing-education.html ○ <i>EMSC Online Courses</i> - https://www.publichealthlearning.com ○ Other educational opportunities at www.luriechildrens.org/emsc | FYI |
| Facility Recognition and QI Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regions 3 & 6 Applications submitted January 26, 2018 Site surveys schedule pending (spring/early summer) ▪ Region 7 Renewal education session conducted on March 8, 2018 Site surveys planned for late fall/early winter ▪ Interfacility Transfer Project - Bev Weaver discussed the feedback form that she and Ann Porter created. As background, 20 sending hospitals and 8 receiving hospitals participated in a survey and provided information regarding transfer feedback processes and commented on a current form that is on the EMSC website. Hospitals identified that they have been receiving more information, but it does not always provide helpful information. More feedback is needed. Also consistency was desired, and the feedback needs to be focused on areas to improve: what could they do better? What did they do well? <p>The next step is to build a new transfer feedback form, so 2 draft forms were created: one always for narrative comments while the other has a checklist type format with columns for ‘adequate’ or ‘needs review’ plus comments. The facility recognition and QI committee liked the form with columns, so this form will be piloted. Region 2 and the pediatric transport coordinator at Advocate Children’s Hospital</p> | If able to participate on a site visit, please complete the site surveyor availability form and return to Evelyn Lyons |

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| | <p>volunteered to pilot the form. For the receiving hospital, the completion of numerous forms could be onerous, so the form should be generated by the sending hospital for select cases (e.g. some transfers are due to insurance, not care issues). Evelyn noted that Cindy LaPorte at Loyola is also interested in being part of a pilot process. Dylan Ferguson noted that it would be helpful if the form could be digitized. Their region used Google Docs and requests for transfer information increased. According to Bev, the long term goal is to digitize the form and determine key elements. Dylan also asked if the need for transfer was removed intentionally, and Bev noted that the tool is for QI, not the reason for transfer. Bev and Anne plan to present their work at the Spring Illinois ENA Annual Symposium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current participation in the pediatric facility recognition program (111 hospitals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCCC/EDAP level = 10; EDAP level = 88; SEDP level = 13 ○ Note: In 2015, there were approximately 950,000 ED visits for 0-15 years of age. 78.7% of these visits took place in a PCCC, EDAP or SEDP. Of the 950,000, approximately 27,000 required admission with 95.3% of these admissions taking place in a PCCC, EDAP, or SEDP facility (Source: Illinois Hospital Assn Compdata) | FYI |
| IDPH, Division of EMS & Highway Safety Report | <p>Paula provided a Division of EMS report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Position Update</i> - Jack Fleeharty has resigned from his position as Division Chief for EMS & Highway Safety and has taken another position in IDPH. Leslee Stein-Spencer is now Acting Division Chief. We thank Jack Fleeharty for his dedication to EMS and wish him well at his new position. ▪ <i>EMS Grants</i> - The FY2019 EMS Assistance Fund Grant has been announced and the application due date extended to Monday, April 9, 2018. These grants will be awarded only if funded and authorized by the Illinois General Assembly. ▪ <i>HeartSaver AED</i> – This grant, as of now, will not be available for FY2019 due to lack of funding. ▪ <i>EMS Week</i> - EMS Week is May 20 – 26, 2018 with EMS for Children (EMSC) Day celebrated May 23rd. This year’s theme is “EMS Strong: Stronger Together”. Info has been sent to the EMS System Medical Directors and Coordinators. Please remember that the Department accepts Hero award applications any time throughout the year. Years of service certificates are available through the Department. For more information, please contact Paula.Atteberry@illinois.gov or visit the Illinois EMS website. ▪ <i>Regulatory Update</i> - New EMS Education Rule amendments scheduled for First Notice on April 6th. EMSC Rule amendments drafted with assistance from EMSC stakeholders and are under legal review. ▪ <i>Legislative Update</i> - The Department has drafted rules with assistance from Illinois Veterinary Medical Association for PA100-0108 (HB2661) which amends the EMS Systems Act. These rules are under legal review. This Act provides that an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic may transport a police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there are no persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time. Defines "police dog". The Department has draft rules for PA 100-0255 (HB1952) which provides that an ambulance assistance vehicle provider may submit a proposal to the EMS Medical Director requesting approval of specified ambulance assistance vehicle provider in-field service level upgrades. These rules are at legal for review. ▪ <i>Trauma Update</i> - MercyHealth Rockton Ave (Rockford Memorial Hospital) has been designated as a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center. Fiscal has approved small purchase services for trauma on-site | FYI |

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| | <p>surveys. A contract has been signed for a Trauma Surgeon surveyor. Upcoming trauma surveys have been scheduled and those hospitals have been notified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Stroke Hospital Designations</i> - To date there are 155 hospitals in Illinois with one of the three stroke designations (79 Acute Stroke-Ready Hospitals, 65 Primary Stroke Centers and 11 Comprehensive Stroke Centers in Illinois). The Stroke fee fund as of March 20, 2018 has a total of \$99, 385. ▪ State exam pass rates: EMT-B 72%, EMT-I 0, EMT-P 88% ,TNS 60% | |
| Follow-up with Loyola on EMSC Fund Account | <p>Dr. Susan Fuchs identified that the EMSC Advisory Board sent a letter to Dr. Cichon related to the EMSC Fund Account, and outlining board recommendations for its use. Dr. Cichon was unable to attend this meeting but sent an email to Dr. Fuchs identifying that Loyola is still working through the numbers and trying to differentiate donations versus EMSC funds.</p> | <p>Will follow-up with Dr Cichon for next meeting</p> |
| Federal EMSC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EMSC/HRSA State Partnership Competing Continuation Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New 4 year cycle beginning 4/1/2018 ○ Notice of grant award received by Lurie Children’s Hospital. Initially funding was reduced, but yesterday full funding restored. ○ Grant Review Checklist Summary- our application received a score of 97 out of 100. Only weakness was we did not state how we are going to share information ▪ National EMSC Survey/Assessment of all US hospital with an ED (EMSCsurveys.org) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data collection timeframe tentative May 14, 2018-August 18, 2018 ○ Goal is 80% completion by hospitals in each state ○ Illinois needs a point of contact at each hospital (Name, title, address). The regional CQI chairs are helping with this information. ○ The survey will collect compliance status with Performance Measure 06 (interfacility transfer guidelines) and PM 07 (interfacility transfer agreements). Evelyn provided a slide presentation about this survey. Young Chung noted that there are questions that indicate that the respondent will need to skip to another question, but it is the same question (National is aware of this error). ▪ New Performance Measures 02 and 03 – These are related to prehospital and the Pediatric Prehospital Committee will be reconvened to address these measures. ▪ National EMSC Quality Improvement Collaborative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New collaborative for hospital pediatric readiness: Jan 2018-Dec 2019 ○ Comer Children’s Hospital and Dr Patrick Dolan have agreed to be a training site ○ There is an EMSC meeting in Austin, Texas that Dr Dolan and his PEM fellow will attend. Several hospitals in Illinois have volunteered to be affiliate hospitals for the Comer Children’s Hospital training site. A few other hospitals in southern Illinois have joined with the Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital training site. | <p>FYI</p> |
| Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DRAFT Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Guidelines - Leslie Flament is currently reviewing and revising this document. She will be sharing drafts with the workgroup. ▪ DRAFT Evacuation Guidelines – Further work on this document is pending. | <p>FYI</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pediatric Regional Directories – This document is undergoing final editing. A new addition to the document is the inclusion of the perinatal network that each hospital is aligned with. It was felt that this information is useful. A request has gone out to each of the RHCCs to request any additional edits from their coalitions by April 18th. ▪ At-Risk Populations Steering Committee and project update – Laura Prestidge was unable to participate in today’s meeting. Evelyn Lyons provided a presentation to review progress being made with this project. | Send any edits to the regional resource directory to Evelyn Lyons by April 18. |
| EMSC Data Initiatives | The remaining updates for the EMS reporting system are still pending upload by IDPH. Also, data agreements are under development between Lurie and the following data source owners: IDPH/IHA/IDOT. | FYI |
| Education | Summer 2018 School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) courses 10 scheduled already, with 2 new coordinators | FYI |
| Publications/ Presentations | A poster presentation is planned at Illinois ENA related to interfacility transfer guidelines project by Bev Weaver and Anne Porter | FYI |
| Other | It was announced that Dylan Ferguson is resigning from his position on the EMSC Advisory Board as EMS System Coordinator representative. He has accepted a new position as the State EMS Director for the State of Pennsylvania. Dylan was thanked for his years of service and the work that he has contributed to the EMSC Advisory Board. We wish him well in his new position. | FYI |
| Upcoming meetings | Next meetings from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association as follows, with video and teleconference capabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thursday, June 28, 2018 ▪ Thursday, October 4, 2018 ▪ Thursday, December 6, 2018 (Note: UnityPoint Health – Trinity location will not be available) | A meeting reminder will be sent to all board members |
| Adjournment | With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25am. | None |

Meeting minutes submitted by S. Fuchs