

**ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2017**

Present: Young Chung (American Red Cross)*, John Collins (IEMTA), Elizabeth DeLong (Trauma Nurse Coordinator)*, Darcy Egging (IENA)*, Dylan Ferguson (EMS Coordinator)*, Susan Fuchs, Chair (Natl. Assn EMS Physicians), Jeanne Grady (IL DSCC)*, Angelica Hernandez (School Health Program, IDPH)*, Amy Hill (SafeKids)*, Ruth Kafensztok (EMSC), Evelyn Lyons (IDPH/EMSC), Theresa Martinez (Pediatric Rehab representative), Laura Prestidge (EMSC)*, Teresa Riech (ICAAP)*, Bonnie Salvetti (ANA-Illinois), Kathy Swafford (ICAAP)*, Kristen Tindall (IHA)*, J. Thomas Willis (IL Fire Fighters Assn). **NON-BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES:** Mike Epping (IDPH), Emily McDowell (UnityPoint Health – Trinity, Rock Island), Doug Skotnicki, Adam Sowell (UnityPoint Health – Trinity, Rock Island), Andrea White (Elmhurst Hospital), Elyse Wolf (Hammond Henry Hospital)

Excused: Paula Atteberry (IDPH)*, Jean Becker (IDPH School Health Program), Christine Bishof (ISMS), Frances Collins (DCFS), Jack Fleeharty (IDPH), Joseph Hageman (ICAAP), Dan Leonard (EMSC), Lubna Madani (IAFP), Denise McCaffrey (Prevent Child Abuse-Illinois), Michael Wahl (IHA/MCHC)

Absent: Mark Cichon (Loyola), Mike Hansen (IFCA), Kevin Katzbeck (Family representative), Kimberly Pate Godden (ISAA)

*Via teleconference

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Call to Order	Susan Fuchs called the meeting to order at 10:08am.	None
Introductions	Introductions were made.	None
Review of 6/2/2017 Meeting Minutes	The June 2, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. John Collins made a motion for approval; Tom Willis 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"> ▪ <i>REMINDER</i> – Board members need to complete their Ethics Training and submit the signed <i>Acknowledgement of Participation</i> page to Tena.Horton@illinois.gov ▪ <i>EMSC Newsletter</i>, Summer 2017 ▪ 2017 Broselow tape now available ▪ Illinois Rural Health Association conference, 8/9 – 10/2017, Champaign www.ilruralhealth.org ▪ <i>In the Midst of Chaos, Region 7 Annual Conference</i>, September 15, 2017, Tinley Park, IL ▪ <i>School Health Days 2017</i>, IDPH School Health Program, https://www.ipha.com/event/details/55/2017-illinois-school-health-days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/7/2017 Northfield Inn & Suites Conference Center, Springfield ○ 11/14/2017 Doubletree by Hilton Chicago, Arlington Heights ○ 11/15/2017 Hyatt Regency - Lisle, Lisle ○ 11/28/2017 Doubletree by Hilton Collinsville, Collinsville ○ 12/5/2017 Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Rockford ▪ Other organizational reports/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SafeKids – Upcoming Events include: September 9th - Babies R Us – Ask the Expert Car Seat event at all Chicago area stores and Springfield; September 23rd – Seat Check Saturday event at Costo at 1430 S Ashland; October 4th – Walk to school day in Bronzeville; Baby Safety Month – 	<p>Board members are asked to share this information within your organizations</p> <p>Send any new announcements to Evelyn Lyons for</p>

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	<p>will release information on data on overlay and other sleep related infant deaths. Other news includes: IDOT grant renewed for 2017-2018. So far have distributed more than 1,200 seats through current grant year; Still teaching 3 community car seat classes per month; Distributed more than 1,000 bicycle helmets this summer. Still working on window falls prevention – efforts shown to make statistically significant difference in window falls in Chicago.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IDPH School Health – Angelica noted that Jean Becker is planning to conduct several Critical Issues Days to assist in identifying skills/educational needs. Evelyn noted that the course evaluations from the SNEC courses may assist in providing this information. ○ Red Cross – Dr. Chung noted that volunteers are still being sought to assist with disaster relief. Please share that interested individuals can go to redcross.org/volunteer for further information. ○ Other – Evelyn noted that board member Dr. Christine Bishof welcomed a new baby daughter on August 30th. Congrats! Also, a few new board members are pending appointment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>EMSC Online Courses</i> - https://www.publichealthlearning.com ○ Other educational opportunities at www.stitch.luc.edu/emsc 	future meetings
<p>IDPH, Division of EMS & Highway Safety Report</p>	<p>Evelyn provided a Division of EMS report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>EMS Grants</i> - FY2018 EMS Assistance Fund Grant applications were submitted back to the Department by each EMS Region in August. EMS Assistance Grants will be awarded if funded and authorized by the Illinois General Assembly. ▪ <i>Regulatory Update</i> - New Education Rule amendments are still in the review process within IDPH. ▪ <i>HeartSaver AED</i> – FY18 Heartsaver AED Fund grant will not be available due to lack of appropriation by the legislators. ▪ <i>EMS Week</i> – The Department issued over 1300 Years of Service Certificates. The EMS Hero of the year is Todd Zobrist, Pocahtontas, IL for saving an infant near-drowning. The EMS Instructor of the year is Edward Ludwig, Morris, IL. ▪ <i>POLST Form</i> - The POLST Form’s instructional page was recently updated to include the periodic review of changes in the patient’s health status or use of implantable devices (e.g. ICDs/cerebral stimulators). ▪ <i>Trauma Program</i> - Remaining site surveys in Regions 9, 10, and 11 will be completed. An application is under review by the Department for Pediatric Level II designation at Mercyhealth Rockton Hospital. ▪ <i>Trauma Registry RFP</i> - The Division of EMS submitted a grant application to IDOT for trauma registry funding for FY 2018. The Departments Information Technology Department is currently reviewing the specifications for the Trauma Registry RFP. ▪ <i>IDPH Stroke Hospital Designations</i> – To date there are 150 stroke hospital designations. There were 21 new designations in 2016, and 5 new designations so far in 2017. ▪ <i>EMS Prehospital Data</i> – The Department’s prehospital database system is now capable of receiving NEMESIS Version 3.4 data. We will continue to allow submission of Version 3.3.4 data through the end of 2018. Beginning January 1, 2019 only version 3.4 will be accepted. ▪ <i>EMS Licensing/GL Suites</i> - Department of Information Technology continues to work with CMS and GL Solutions in building the new software platform for GLSuite6. ▪ <i>Ambulance Compliance Program</i> - The Department posted the position for the Ambulance Compliance 	FYI

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	<p>Program Section Chief position. The Department has continued to review new provider applications, process system modifications, and complete scheduled inspections. The Department is currently reviewing the application for a second mobile stroke unit in the Northwest collar counties of Chicago.</p>	
<p>Update on Illinois EMSC Partnership Opportunity</p>	<p>Evelyn provided an overview on the Illinois EMSC Partnership opportunity. Submitted applications underwent review by a panel using an objective scoring process, and site visits were conducted. Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago/Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine received the highest score and will be the new partner with IDPH for the EMSC grants effective March 1, 2018. The Department appreciates the time, effort and commitment by each of the applicants in this process.</p> <p>EMSC program staff (Laura Prestidge and Ramona Rendon) will transition out of Loyola, and will be based at Lurie’s in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Their new contact info will be shared closer to the move date. Evelyn will split time at a primary office at the Chicago IDPH office, and at Lurie’s.</p> <p>Work is underway with Lurie’s to ensure a smooth transition, i.e. website to be developed at Lurie’s, exploration in learning management systems, etc. EMSC State Partnership and HPP Pediatric Preparedness grants will transition to Lurie’s, as will all current EMSC activities (except for data activities – see below).</p> <p>Unfortunately, the FY2018 EMSC IDOT grant which was to begin 10/1/2017 was rescinded by Loyola. This grant funds Dan Leonard’s position and has funded multiple ongoing data initiatives since 1999. The FY2018 grant was approved for funding. Dan Leonard had recommended keeping the IDOT grant at Loyola since there is an already established partnership and access to multiple data/research resources with Loyola’s Public Health Sciences Department via Ruth Kafenzstok. Also a robust data infrastructure is in place at Loyola (server, database MOUs, multiple years of large datasets) which would be challenging to move. In June 2017, Dr. Mark Cichon confirmed with IDPH that Loyola would maintain the IDOT grant. However, in August 2017, Dr. Cichon identified that after further consideration, Loyola will not accept the IDOT grant since the EMSC grant work does not align with Loyola’s research mission; no faculty in Loyola’s Dept of Emergency Medicine are interested in the EMSC/data projects; and no interest in providing oversight. Because Loyola rejected the grant, there is no funding for Dan, so Loyola has let him know that he will be terminated effective September 30, 2017.</p> <p>Lastly, a number of years ago 3 non-grant accounts were set up for EMSC by Loyola for donations, contributions, and remaining balances from SNEC courses. Approximately 10 years ago, a Loyola grants administrator recommended merging these 3 accounts (which totaled over \$67,000 at that time) into one “emergency fund” to bridge funding/personnel for a period of time if funding gaps occurred or to assist with other emergencies. No further contributions were made to this account and it has remained dormant over the past 10 years as an emergency reserve with a current balance of \$67,685. Since EMSC is moving out of Loyola, we seek board recommendations for use of the funds. Please submit recommendations by October 20th to Evelyn. Recommendations will be voted on by the board at the December Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Chung recommended the monies be transitioned to an IDPH account or another entity (i.e. Lurie’s) to continue as an emergency fund.</p>	<p>FYI</p> <p>Please forward any fund recommendations to Evelyn by October 20th.</p>

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Federal EMSC Updates	<p>Sue and Evelyn reviewed the following: Current EMSC Partnership grant (3/1/2017 – 2/28/2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illinois EMSC received a revised Notice of Grant Award dated June 15, 2017 identifying that full funding was reinstated (\$130,000). Only partial funding was awarded in January since the federal government was operating under a continuing resolution. ▪ FY2018 EMSC Partnership grant status – an email yesterday from the American Academy of Pediatrics identified that the FY2018 Appropriations bill released through the Senate fully reinstates funding for the EMSC program. Steve Krug, MD (Lurie Children’s) was noted by AAP as having a key role in meeting with legislators in DC and advocating for continued EMSC funding. We now await release of a notice of funding opportunity/application for FY18 funding. ▪ EMSC Grantee meeting, Arlington, VA, 8/15/2017 – 8/17/2017. Evelyn attended this meeting along with Mo Otting from Lurie Children’s, who represented Sue Fuchs. The new federal performance performance measures, which focus on EMS, were reviewed and discussed. Much of the emphasis of the meeting was on quality improvement strategies and efforts, which will be a major theme of the new EMSC resource center. ▪ National EMSC Survey/Assessment of EMS agencies in Illinois – this survey is being conducted across the country to identify state baseline information for the new PMs (survey timeframe 3/2017-2/2018). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Every state is required during the current grant year to conduct a survey of EMS agencies to obtain info related to access to a pediatric care coordinator and conduction of pediatric skill competency. ○ Illinois was assigned to Cohort # 7, which began in early September and runs thru November 2017. 329 EMS agencies were selected thru random sampling to participate in the assessment. ○ Agencies were initially contacted by email on September 5th. Scheduled reminders will be made to request their completion of the survey. An 80% survey completion is expected (which will require completion by 263 agencies). As of today, 52 agencies have completed the survey (15.8%). Dylan asked that the list of the selected EMS agencies be provided to the EMS System Coordinators. ▪ National EMSC Quality Improvement Collaborative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National EMSC plans to finalize the Facility Recognition Collaborative at the end of this year. They will then begin a new EMSC Quality Improvement Collaborative from January 2018 – December 2019. This collaborative is aimed at improving hospital pediatric readiness scores by 10 points in the states that participate. They are looking for participant hospitals and coaches/trainers to assist with this initiative. They will work with participating hospitals on the following key areas of focus: Recording pediatric patient weight in kilograms; Developing a notification process for abnormal vital signs; Integrating inter-facility transfer guidelines; Establishing disaster plans that include children. 	<p>Further federal funding updates will continue to be shared.</p> <p>Evelyn will forward the EMS survey participant list to the EMS System Coordinators.</p>
Pediatric Preparedness Workgroup	<p>Laura reviewed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Pediatric Care Medical Specialist (PCMS)</i> – The PCMS team is a component within the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT), and will provide remote pediatric consultation during a disaster. An in-person orientation for this role is scheduled on September 25th from 10am – 4pm at Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) in Glenview. Several physicians and advanced practice nurses are scheduled to attend. ▪ <i>FY2018 Pediatric Preparedness HPP Deliverables</i> – The deliverables were reviewed, and a handout 	<p>FYI</p>

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	<p>outlining the deliverables was shared. The transition of the EMSC program from Loyola to Lurie’s will occur during the HPP grant cycle, so the grant has been split in the following manner: Loyola will receive funding from July 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018; Lurie will receive funding from March 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018. Some deliverables will be shared between the two organizations, while some deliverables are specific to either Loyola or Lurie. A new initiative is the development of an At-Risk Populations Annex for the state medical disaster plan</p>	
<p>EMSC Data Initiatives</p>	<p>Evelyn provided Dan Leonard’s report on the following EMSC data initiatives. Dan sends his apologies for not attending today’s meeting, but since his position is being terminated by Loyola at the end of this month he is trying to use all his remaining time to finish up the data projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>EMS Reporting System</i> – The IDPH upload of the following files is still pending to support public access within the EMS Reporting System: mortality data (2008-2014), hospital inpatient data (2015) and traffic crash records (2015). ▪ <i>Traffic Crash “Quick Facts” Fact Sheets</i> – Eleven fact sheets for CY2015 have been completed. One of the fact sheets titled “Illinois Crash Information 2015” was reviewed with the board, and provides information specific to children age 14 and younger. For example, children who did not use safety equipment such as seat belts or child restraint properly were 11.6 times more likely to be fatally injured; and when child restraints were used improperly, children were 31 times more likely to be fully or partially ejected from the vehicle during a crash. 	<p>FYI</p>
<p>Facility Recognition and QI Committee</p>	<p>Susan Fuchs and Evelyn Lyons reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regions 1 and 10 – Surveys in these regions have been completed and are pending submission of post-survey documentation. ▪ Region 9 – Site surveys have been scheduled in October thru early December. ▪ Regions 3 & 6 are scheduled for the following educational sessions since their renewal is in 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Region 3: 9am-12pm on Friday, October 27th at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield ○ Region 6: 9am – 12pm on Tuesday, October 17th at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana ▪ Interfacility Transfer Workgroup project – Anne Porter and Bev Weaver (currently serve on the Facility Recognition & QI Committee), continue to work on this project to develop guidelines and tools related to communication/quality improvement information sharing between referral and receiving hospitals. ▪ Current participation in the pediatric facility recognition program (109 hospitals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PCCC/EDAP level = 10; EDAP level = 89; SEDP level = 10 ○ 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) ▪ Susan Fuchs reviewed the following Regional QI updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Region 1: The region is focusing on pain intervention and reassessment. ○ Region 2: Work continues on the pain management project, with data analysis showing an opportunity to improve reassessment. ○ Region 3: Region 3 is currently working on staff education for JumpStart Triage. Efforts include education sessions, disaster simulations with a pediatric component, and 	<p>FYI</p> <p>FYI</p>

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	<p>incorporating JumpStart within annual competencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Region 4: The region is continuing its project based on the Special Needs Tracking & Awareness Response System (STARS), hosted by SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. STARS trains first responders, families, and local hospital ER staff in the management of special-needs children. Providers are developing binders of information for special needs children in their area and coordinating this information with Cardinal Glennon. ○ Region 5: Work continues on their project to evaluate ED pediatric psychiatric care issues. ○ Region 6: They are beginning to prepare for their renewal in 2018; also reviewing fever education for parents and pediatric sepsis order sets. ○ Region 7: They are working on a pain management project, including use of pain medications and re-evaluations at 60 minutes and at discharge. Also planning annual January conference. ○ Region 8: Working on treatment of fever within 30 minutes and appropriate reassessment. Also a review of cardiopulmonary resuscitation records showed an increase in drowning incidents. As a result water safety education materials are being distributed. ○ Region 9: Preparing for upcoming site surveys. Also working on an audit for head injury, including following the PECARN algorithm for use of CT scans. ○ Region 10: The region is working on a mental health audit, particularly whether pediatric patients are provided with their regular psych meds during their ED stay. Also trying to address the needs of new and less experienced staff. ○ Region 11: Region 11 continues to work with its pediatric sepsis monitor. Also an educational session is planned on November 10th re child abuse and human trafficking. 	
Education	<p>Evelyn reported that 8 Summer School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) courses were conducted in June through August 1st. 230 school nurses participated in courses conducted in the following locations: Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, Maryville, Oak Brook, Peoria, Rockford and Winfield. Very positive evaluations were received.</p> <p>EMSC online educational modules now include: Pediatric Seizures, Pediatric DKA and the Pediatric JumpSTART Triage interactive module. All have received updated site codes for continuing education hours.</p>	FYI
Publications/ Presentations	No publications at this time	FYI
Other	Sue Fuchs conveyed special thanks for Dan Leonard and all the great work that he has done over the years.	Thanks Dan!
Upcoming meetings	The next meeting is scheduled from 10:00am – 12:00pm on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Illinois Health & Hospital Association.	A meeting reminder will be sent to all board members
Adjournment	With no further business, Tom Willis motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Collins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.	None

Meeting minutes submitted by E. Lyons