



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEMS  
EMS FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**PORTLAND STATE OFFICE BUILDING**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

**Present:** Karen Anderson (teleconference), Pam Bessler (teleconf), Gina Craven, Cynthia Cristofani, Merlin Curry, Tammy Henderson(teleconf), Helen Miller, Sharon Stapleton, Craig Warden

**Guests** Mary Barnhum (teleconf)

**Absent:** Heather Collins(excused) John Evered, Mike Howell(excused), Roseanne McLaren(excused), Helenka Marcinek, Dawn Poetter(excused),

**DHS Staff:** Debbie Danna, Susan Werner

**Call to Order**

Dr. Warden called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The committee was reminded that there is a no smoking policy.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without change.

**Current Business**

1. Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP) Awards update. The four agencies that received PEPP grants of \$2500.00 in 2003 completed their contracts. Morrow County Ambulance finished the last class in Feb, 2004 and had 22 attendees. The evaluations were extremely positive. Eight new mini-grants were posted in February 2004, with an application deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, selection process June 1<sup>st</sup> 2004, and new contracts to be

completed by Feb. 2005. Response to call for applications has been very good.

2. Committee Vacancies – The EMSC Advisory Committee extends a warm welcome to Sharon Stapleton, RN, CCRN. Sharon is an Outreach Educator for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, and fills the role of Injury Prevention Specialist. Two nominations have been received for the remaining 2 vacancies. Jane Burke from ATAB #6 has expressed interest in the Member at Large position, and the Oregon State Ambulance Association has nominated Dave Staab from ATAB #2 for the Ambulance Director position. Both candidates have been asked to submit CV’s and letters of interest to be approved by the DHS Assistant Director
  
3. Subgroups –
  - a. Necessary pre-hospital pediatric emergency equipment and critical care medical equipment: Merlin Curry submitted final recommendations to the committee. The list was reviewed, discussed and further revisions will be made.  
**Action: Merlin Curry will send the completed list of recommendations for pre-hospital equipment to the advisory committee via email for final review and then to EMS & Trauma Systems Dept. with a cover letter.**
  - b. Necessary Pediatric Equipment in the Hospital: Dr. Craig Warden has submitted to the committee a paper titled “Guidelines for the Minimum Emergency Department Pediatric Equipment & Medications”.  
**Action: The list will be sent to the EMS & Trauma Systems Department with a cover letter.**
  - c. Public Education Programs: Sharon Stapleton expressed interest in joining this subgroup. It was recommended that EMSC do some PSA’s on injury prevention. Suggestions include a single message billboard. Discussion about using previous message of “Caring Means Preparing”. All public media presentations would need to be run past Bonnie Widenberg, state public information officer. EMSC will participate in EMS week in May.  
**Action: EMSC subgroup will work on materials to be presented during EMS week in May and participate in Safety Fairs.**

d. EMSC 2004 Conference Subcommittee- All the speakers are aligned. The brochure is under construction with hopes of getting it printed and distributed in late May. The CME application process with OHSU is underway. Fees for physician CME have increased. Suggestions offered to try Oregon College of Emergency Physicians (OCEP) to see if they can provide CME.

**Action: Debbie Danna will contact OCEP**

### New Business

1. A letter from Dr. Wish was distributed to the EMSC Advisory Committee members per his request.
2. State Quarterly Report is enclosed in committee members packets. A report to the State EMS Committee will be made this afternoon.
3. Children with Special Health Care Needs: The EMSC program has available education materials for “Children with Special Health Care Needs”. 150 copies of the CD-Rom “”A Child in Need”, a “Technology Assisted Children”book, and fact sheet were purchased from the EMSC Clearinghouse. 115 copies have been distributed to requesting agencies, and all frontier and rural transporting EMS agencies. “Safe Transportation of Children with Special Needs: A Parent’s Guide were purchased by EMSC and are being distributed by the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety.
4. The Child Abuse Summit and Family Violence Conference is being held April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Doubletree Portland. The EMSC program granted 5 scholarships to off-set registration fees for 5 emergency room nurses to attend.
5. The EMSC coordinator currently is working with Sandy Fire and Sandy High School to conduct the “Every 15 minute Program”in May to educate Juniors and Seniors about the dangers of drinking and driving.
6. Dr. Helen Miller announced that there is currently a Bill going to the House of Representatives (HR3999) that would

reauthorize the federal trauma program and includes a provision that would eliminate the EMSC program. She encourages all stakeholders to write letters to their legislators.

**Public Forum**

None Noted.

**Adjourn**

*The next meeting is scheduled on June 4th, 2004 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Portland State Office Building Room 612.*