



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



**PORTLAND STATE OFFICE BUILDING**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004**

**Present:**

Gina Craven, Merlin Curry, Helen Miller,  
Dawn Poetter, Craig Warden (teleconf), Pam  
Bessler, Jane Burke (teleconf)

**Guests**

A. Leigh Bass Avery

**Absent:**

Mary Barnhum, Cynthia Cristofani, Mike  
Howell, Dave Staab, Sharon  
Stapleton(excused).

**DHS Staff:**

Debbie Danna

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Warden called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. The committee was reminded that there is a no smoking policy.

**2. Current Business**

A. Committee Vacancies – Current vacancies include EMS Training Director and EMS Medical Director. A letter of interest and a CV has been received from A. Leigh Bass Avery for the “Member at Large” position. Heather Freitheit, an RN in Rogue Valley has expressed interest in a position. Several names were gathered at the EMSC Conference. Robert Walters, fire captain and EMT-P would like to assume the position of EMT and has submitted a letter of interest and a CV. Dr. Dunbrasky had expressed interest to Dr. Warden in the “pediatrician”vacancy.

**Action: Debbie will contact Dr. Dunbrasky about joining the committee. Debbie will post the remaining 2 openings on the web. Helen Miller will announce the 2 openings at the SEMS meeting this afternoon. Debbie will submit letters for**

**appointment to the DHS Assistant Director from the current two applicants.**

**B. Conference Update:**

The “5<sup>th</sup> Annual EMSC Conference was held in Eugene, Oregon October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a pre-conference taking place October 21<sup>st</sup> dealing with “Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury”. It was very well attended with 262 attendees and 17 exhibitors. The evaluations were tabulated by Donald Au. The evaluations were distributed to the EMSC Advisory Members. The overall response was 87% of attendees “somewhat” or “strongly agreed” that at the completion of the conference that program objectives had been met.

**C. Subgroups Updates:**

i.

Merlin Curry has been working with the “office of Rural Health”, Sandy Assanik, and Sandy Ryman on an EMS Rural Survey. The Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 1<sup>st</sup> draft was distributed to committee members. A long discussion ensued about how the survey is being conducted in the Area Health Education Committees (AHEC) geographical regions.

**Action: Merlin Curry has requested Debbie send the document to each EMSC Advisory Committee member for editorial comments, suggestions and discussion of what conclusions can be drawn from the data, sampling format. Please submit 5-10 pediatric questions the committee would like answered to Merlin for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the survey by December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

ii. Interfacility transfer issues update -

**Action: Dr. Craig Warden asked that someone take the lead on this project. Debbie Danna will research other state’s categorization of hospitals and interfacility transfer guidelines. Dr. Warden will check on the data availability of patients transferred to Doernbecher to query why the peds patient was transferred to a Level 1. Gina Craven will check with Legacy Emanuel hospitals**

**data to see if we can query why the peds patient was transferred to a Level 1 hospital.**

iii. Public Education Programs: Continued discussion about developing a brochure in English and in Spanish similar to North Dakota's version, "When to Call an Ambulance."

**Action: Jane Burke, Merlin Curry and Debbie Danna will work on developing brochure "Caring Means Preparing; When to Call 911 for a Child" brochure.**

- D. Pediatric Disaster Life Support Training(PDLS) –  
5 people from Oregon traveled to Anchorage, Alaska in November for a PDLS train the trainer class. The intent is to further develop the curriculum and bring it to Oregon. An initial class with 25 students will be conducted in April or May 2005. Dr. Warden suggested contacting and using the TVFR training center for the simulation. Jumpstart curriculum will be taught.  
**Action: Debbie Danna will work with the Mobile Training Unit (MTU) and the 4 other people that attended the PDLS class and schedule a class for 25 participants to be held in April or May 2005.**
- E. "Project Equip" Pediatric AED CD - 150 copies of this CD-Rom have been distributed to EMS agencies and were distributed at the EMSC Conference. Committee members recommend mailing copies to all paramedic programs, all course directors in EMS, American Heart Association Chapters and First Responder classes.  
**Action: Debbie Danna will distribute copies to recommended groups.**
- F. RSI and Related Pediatric Airway Techniques CD – "Tube Tools"  
A teaching CD-Rom was made available at the EMSC Conference and sent to twenty five requestors. It is available free of charge from the EMSC Clearinghouse at [www.emsc.org](http://www.emsc.org)

### **3. New Business**

- A. 2005 EMSC Conference – A Memo of Request has been sent to the DHS Deputy Director and Assistant Director requesting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual EMSC conference be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005

with a pediatric pain management pre-conference to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

- B.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> year EMSC Continuation grant was submitted in November, 2004
- C.** Carryover Funds – Carryover funds from year 1 were authorized for use in November 2004 to be spent by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. The announcement of 20 PEPP/PALS classes were posted on the EMS listserve. Carryover funds were also used to purchase Pediatric Equipment for the EMSC program and MTU. Computer hardware and software was purchased. Some of the funding supported the EMSC Conference and scholarships.
- D.** Calendar/Meetings 2005 – Discussion was held for dates of 2005 EMSC Advisory Committee meetings to follow the same schedule as the State EMS meetings. The meetings for 2005 are as follows:
  - **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Room 618, Portland State Office Building (PSOB)**
  - **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Room 618, PSOB**
  - **Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 Room 618, PSOB**
  - **Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 Room 618, PSOB**

### **Public Forum**

None Noted.

### **Adjourn**

*The next meeting is scheduled on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Portland State Office Building Room 618.*