



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



PORTLAND STATE OFFICE BUILDING

January 06, 2006

Present: A. Leigh Bass Avery (teleconf), Mary Barnum(teleconf) , Pam Bessler, Cindy Cristofani, , Merlin Curry, Sandra Dunbrasky, Helen Miller, Steve Myren, Robert Walters

Absent: Jane Burke, Gina Craven (excused), Mike Howell (excused), Scott Shepherd, Sharon Stapleton(excused).

DHS Staff: Debbie Danna, Susie Werner

1. Call to Order

Merlin Curry, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The committee was reminded that there is a no smoking policy. No minutes to review from the October 9th, 2005 meeting.

2. Current Business

- i. Debbie Danna, RN has resigned as the EMSC Coordinator. Her last day of employment will be January 18th, 2006. She has expressed an interest in remaining on the EMSC Advisory Committee as a 2nd Family Representative. She has also expressed interest to the EMS & Trauma Section about working on special projects.
- ii. Interfacility Transfer Guidelines have been completed and reviewed by the committee.

Action: Merlin Curry, chairperson, will write a letter to the EMS & Trauma section to be delivered with the

recommendations and to be presented to STAB and SEMS committees.

- iii. Managing School Emergencies – Brochure handed out for the Managing School Emergencies class to be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 at Clackamas Community College. The National Association of School Nurses is supplying the curriculum, EMSC is sponsoring the class free to all school nurses with a \$20.00 book fee. It will cover Respiratory, Circulatory, and Neurological emergencies in the school setting.

3. New Business

- i. 2004 Pediatric Trauma Report hand out and reviewed.
- ii. Poison Prevention project for the Hispanic and Native American populations discussed. EMSC, Safe Kids, and the Oregon Poison Center have developed a train the trainer poison prevention 4 hour class. The first class is being held Monday, January 9th at Salem Hospital. The 2nd class is scheduled for Friday, January 13th in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Poisoning was the second leading cause of hospitalizations in Umatilla and Morrow counties for ages 0-14 from 1998-2002. Two more classes are planned for 2006 in location TBD.
- iii. EMSC Performance Measures read and discussed.
 - 1. Goal 1: Ensure the operational capacity of pediatric care within the State of Oregon.
 - 2. Goal 2: Solidify and measure the permanence of the EMSC Program within the State of Oregon.
- iv. 2006 EMSC Conference – will be held October 6th, 7th, and 8th 2006 in Seaside, OR at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. The pre-conference will be on “Methamphetamine – the Oregon Epidemic. Rob Bovett will be the main speaker. Recommendations from the committee that we have a physician or nurse talk about Treatment and Crisis Intervention.
Other recommended topics were behavioral emergencies including how to deal with autistic, asperger’s, OD’s in the ER.

- v. Future Meetings will be held :
 - 1. Friday, March 3rd, Portland State Office Building
 - 2. Friday, June 2nd, Portland State Office Building
 - 3. Friday, October 6th, Seaside Convention Center
- vi. Scope of practice issues discussed – EMT's, Paramedics cannot practice without medical direction when out of area. Good Samaritan basic care can be rendered. A Medical Director can authorize the paramedic to practice at a stated location under their local protocols. Each incident would need to be handled case by case.
- vii. Steve Myren requests the EMSC Advisory Committee write a letter of support to apply for grant funding to support a medical clinic in the ATV Park in Eastern Oregon. Transportation, other E code is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury in the Pediatric population.
Merlin Curry will compose a letter of support.

Public Forum

None Noted.

Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled Friday, March 3rd, 2006 from 9am-11am, in the Portland State Office Building. Room TBA.