

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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FL EMSC Advisory Committee Attendance and Meeting Minutes

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel, Hollywood Florida: Terrace D

In Person & Virtual (via TEAMS)

June 15, 2023

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST

Attendees

State Program Staff	Committee Members	FL DOH BEMO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Phyllis Hendry • Katelyn Perl • Amy Kennedy (virtual) • Dr. Megan Curtis-Gonzalez (virtual) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tricia Swan (virtual) • Dr. Jennifer Fishe (virtual) • Nichole Shimko • Sandra Nasca (virtual) • Dr. Marshall Frank • Marvin Walters • Michael Rushing • Julie Downey • Lauren Young Work • Tracey Vause 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Angus Jameson • Mike Hall • Jennifer McManus • Steve McCoy • Jane Bedford (virtual) • Christina Parmer (virtual)
Other In-Person		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Blackwelder • Bari Conte • Dan Moran • Emily Myers • Jeffrey Dierking • Michelle Damron • Brent Allen • Elijah Virgin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Hernandez • Nicole Smith • Wendy Williams • Shawn Rolquin • Ty Campbell • Cailu Campbell • Brian Berson • Maria Fernandez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Anderson • Srikireun Botte • Lisa Deboer • Michael Johns • Shana Pender • Michael Austin • Robert Skinner • Andrea Lombardo
Other Virtual		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelsey Palladino • Jordyn Zyngier • Jennifer Lauture • Dr. Joon Choi • Brenna Radigan • Casey Allen • Jeremy Sidlaukas • Kris Hood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sara Cortes • Julio • Sheri Medlar • Steve • Alicia Buck • Amy Perez • David Summers • Penelope Blake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Blevins • Michael Davis • Tiffany Dunlap

Meeting Commenced

6/15/2023 at 1:03 pm

Presentations

Documents and Announcements Disseminated at Meeting

- Enhancing Pediatric Safety and Preparedness Proposal
- Utilizing Mobile Integrated Health Programs in Florida for Pediatric Disaster Preparedness
- Florida EMS Strategic Plan Draft
- Florida EMSC Program Manager Announcement
- Updated Florida PEDReady Resource Flyer

Welcome, Introductions, & Call to Order

- Welcome committee members, liaisons, visitors, and Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators/Champions (PECCs)
- See attendance list and email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu for corrections or additions
- Sample magnetic name badges were shown to committee members. The majority of members were interested in having a Florida EMSC Advisory Committee name badge.

Florida EMSC State Partnership Program Leadership and EMSC Advisory Committee Members and Liaisons

- Reviewed updated committee members and liaisons, EMSC leadership, and state partners
- The FL EMSC State Partnership Program funded by HRSA is required to be located in a state department of health or a college of medicine. A mutual decision was made to have the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville (Emergency Medicine Research) apply for the 2023 HRSA 4-year grant funding and program administration. The Florida application received a score of 95/100. This award became effective April 1, 2023. The program will remain as a collaborative state program with FL DOH BEMO.
- New EMSC Program Staff were introduced, which include:
 - Dr. Phyllis Hendry (Project and Medical Director)
 - Katelyn Perl, MS, CHES® (FL EMSC Program Manager)
 - Megan Curtis Gonzalez, PhD (HRSA EMSC Program Reporting and Compliance)
 - Morgan Henson, MPH, CPH, CCRP (FL EMSC Biospatial Data Liaison)
 - Amy Kennedy (EMSC Program Executive Assistant)
- The updated Florida PEDReady Resource flyer was disseminated
- The FL EMSC Facebook page is @floridaemsforchildren (UF)
- Current PEDReady website: <https://emlrc.org/flpedready/>
 - Will maintain current website on the Emergency Medicine Learning Resource Center (EMLRC), however, currently building a UF EMSC Program website
- Quarterly PE²ARL newsletter
 - Restarting quarterly newsletter
 - Continuing to send PEDReady newsletter items to FCEP for biweekly news brief. Email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu to sign up for news briefs or to have information posted.
- Committee travel reimbursement
 - You need to become a vendor within the UF system
 - Will try to fund three in-person meetings per year (currently funded for 2 in-person meetings per year)
 - Members and liaisons reimbursed for two nights
- New HRSA performance measures reviewed (see presentation slides)

- Mission, sample tagline updated based on new performance measures: “Partnering with Florida emergency departments, EMS agencies, disaster preparedness organizations, and families in the care of ill and injured children to enhance pediatric readiness across the continuum of care.” The committee agreed with this updated statement.

BEMO Announcements and Updates

- Jennifer McManus is now the State EMS Education Coordinator. She will continue to work with EMSC and was recognized by the committee for all of her pediatric rural EMSC and safe transport efforts and accomplishments.
- The Office of Rural Health is now under the leadership of BEMO and Michael Leffler
- The Quality First Initiative was discussed and will include pediatric components

National and State EMS Survey Results

- Dr. Hendry reviewed pediatric-related state EMS survey results, including PECCs, age and weight-based pediatric dosing systems, continuing education, safe transport devices, pediatric death and resuscitation debriefing, and infant mortality programs
- The State 2023 EMS Survey indicated only 28 agencies or 14% reported having a PECC, however, the 2022 National EMSC Survey indicated 63 agencies had a PECC. 2023 national results are pending at this time, but it is not anticipated that the number decreased. The 2023 national rate for PECCs is 37.2%. Florida’s rate in 2022 was 44.7%. Florida’s 2023 National EMSC Survey participation rate was lower than 2022.
 - Agencies that had PECCs had a much higher score for their equipment usage
 - Barriers to a PECC: people are unsure of the duties of the PECC
 - There will be a pediatric readiness and PECC working group for EMS agencies and for emergency departments developed in the upcoming year

State EMS Strategic Plan

- Committee members expressed concerns about the lack of pediatric objectives in the new plan. There was discussion with Dr. Jameson and Mike Hall that the new plan will include children and pediatric data when appropriate. The challenge is the small percentage of pediatric EMS encounters compared to adults.
- Sample objectives:
 - Objective 1.1.B – Increase the number of providers earning Florida State EMS *Quality First* recognition from 0 to 100 by December 31, 2028
 - Objective 1.1.J – Increase the percentage of EMS transports originating from 911 requests in which SP02 is documented during and after intubation from 12% to 90% by December 31, 2028
 - Objective 2.1.A – Increase the percentage of EMS providers participating in injury prevention and community health promotion efforts from 23% to 50% by December 31, 2028

Old Business

- Safe Transport
 - Slide set and recording being added to website: <https://youtu.be/KMP3kxHEoJc>
 - A limited number of PediMates and NeoMates were purchased with remaining grant funds for rural agencies that were not covered by Health Care Coalitions
 - Program working with Health Care Coalitions to provide pediatric restraint devices to their regions
- Button Battery Ingestion Management
 - Options for administering honey were discussed and demonstrated

- Emmy - Florida Association of Broadcast Journalists Award in Health Reporting and Edward R. Murrow Award: <https://www.news4jax.com/news/2022/05/12/child-unsafe-the-danger-of-button-batteries/>
- The Florida Committee on Trauma Statement regarding button battery ingestion and transport was reviewed
- National Capital Poison Center Button Battery Ingestion Triage and Treatment Guideline: <https://www.poison.org/battery/guideline>
- The Florida EMSC button battery ingestion presentation has been updated and is available for others to use (see QR code in presentation slides). Email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu to request the presentation.
- The importance of making dispatch and transport teams aware of the urgency of transport in these cases was discussed
- FL PEDReady Resource Bags (see images in presentation slides)
 - Contains communication cards, JumpSTART/START revised badge buddies, PALS pocket card, Handtey badge buddies, Difficult Airway Course pocket card (adult and pediatric), ABC's of Pediatrics Emergencies chart, pain scale cards, EMRA Pediatric ECG card, pediatric acetaminophen/ibuprofen dosing magnets, NRP pocket cards, poison center magnets, etc.
 - If you would like a resource bag, email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu; limited to one per agency or ED
- Pediatric and Educational Needs
 - Nichole Shimko discussed the upcoming webinar, "Oh Baby - Series 2 of 2," scheduled for June 27 at 12:00 p.m.
- Prehospital TXA Use in Pediatrics
 - Varying viewpoints, remain current on new literature, and follow agency medical direction and protocols
 - February 2023 statement from FCOT regarding pediatric TXA usage was reviewed
 - Waiting for PECARN study to be released
- Disaster-Related Activities and Hurricane Ian Outcomes
 - Hurricane Ian wrap-up and accomplishments were discussed
 - Big thank you to our Health Care Coalitions for prioritizing pediatric needs and purchasing pediatric restraint devices
 - Need a debriefing tool and a central repository for documents
 - Dr. Hendry and other committee members have been attending HCC pediatric tabletop exercises such as Operation Tots. Questions were asked about pediatric supplies on BLS mass casualty ambulances and family reunification plans.
 - Lauren Young Work discussed using mobile integrated health (MIH) to prepare families and children for disasters
 - There are about 51 mobile integrated health programs throughout the state of Florida – maybe more
 - See meeting attachment with information presented by Ms. Work
 - www.ready.gov
 - Will have a working group related to pediatric disaster
- State Pediatric Readiness Concept Proposal for EMS Advisory Council
 - Dr. Phyllis Hendry stated that she has no financial disclosures to make regarding this proposal for the EMS Advisory Council
 - Chief Julie Downey recommended the following motion for voting, which was approved by all committee members: "That the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight in collaboration with the Florida EMS Advisory Council explore funding options for implementation of a voluntary Handtey or other equivalent pediatric system in state EMS agencies based on medical director preference with priority considerations for rural agencies, areas where transport to a pediatric capable facility is > 30 minutes, and counties with high pediatric populations. Neonates, children, adolescents, special healthcare needs, and disaster preparedness should be considered in system planning."
 - Dr. Marshall Frank suggested to clarify what a "pediatric capable facility" means
- Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN)
 - STARS Update: Special needs Tracking and Awareness Response System
 - Dr. Hendry asked Dr. Jameson to comment on the Special Patient Protocol concept that was discussed at the Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors meeting regarding children with special healthcare needs that require unique medications not typically carried by EMS

agencies. Standing orders are signed by the local EMS medical director. Dr. Jameson will provide a sample to be disseminated with meeting materials.

- Family Advocacy Network (FAN)
 - Would like to have more than one representative and include different geographical regions of the state. This is a performance measure in collaboration with our FAN representative, Sandy Nasca.
 - If you would like to become a FAN or know someone that would like to become involved, please email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu
- Pediatric Data and Biospatial EMSC Dashboard
 - Morgan Henson is training with Tom DiBernardo to develop pediatric Biospatial dashboards
 - Currently looking at years 2020-2022 and 0-18 years of age
 - The committee discussed data points they are interested in reviewing in a state aggregate level. Responses included need for pediatric mental health calls, newborn deliveries, overdoses, and time on scene. Dr. Jennifer Fishe volunteered to help with this initiative.

New Business

- National/State EMSC Performance Measures
 - Surveys
 - Required
 - Results are pending for the 2023 National EMSC EMS survey
 - 2024 National EMSC Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Survey
 - 2021 National EMSC ED Pediatric Readiness Survey for EDs: FL had a 58% response rate. Average FL score 75/100; median 76. Still pending national comparison scores due to wait for publication: <https://pedsready.org/>.
 - 1) Expand the uptake of Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Departments where not already done, by establishing a state, territorial, or regional Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program for hospital EDs; designating PECCs in EDs; and ensuring hospital EDs weigh and record children's weight in kilograms.
 - The recognition program would be strictly voluntary
 - Sample activities include:
 - Host online focus groups regarding the Florida ED PRRP background, purpose, and benefits to seek input on pediatric readiness recognition criteria and metrics
 - Maintain updated contact list of all EDs and hospital system ED pediatric leadership
 - Develop PRRP ED dashboard for professionals and families to include ED services, service exclusions, address, map, transfer criteria, transport and contact referral line information
 - 2) Improve Pediatric Readiness in EMS Systems by establishing a state, territorial, or regional standardized Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program for prehospital EMS agencies; increasing PECCs in prehospital EMS agencies; and increasing the number of prehospital EMS agencies that have a process for pediatric skills-check on the use of pediatric equipment.
 - Sample activities include:
 - Maintain updated contact list of all EMS agencies, EMS training programs, and PECCs
 - Host online and in person focus groups on EMS PRRP background, purpose, and benefits to seek input on pediatric readiness recognition criteria and metrics
 - Develop planning committee and process to conduct rural EMSC Pediatric and Disaster Readiness "rodeos" with skill stations
 - 3) Increase pediatric disaster readiness in hospital EDs and prehospital EMS agencies by ensuring that disaster plans address the needs of children and 4) Prioritize and advance family partnership and leadership in efforts to improve EMSC systems of care.
 - Sample activities include:

- Review current EMS and ED pediatric disaster plans, drills, mock scenarios, training materials
 - Administer online pediatric readiness disaster needs assessment and surge capacity inventory
 - Family and patient perspectives will be incorporated into all performance measures
- Florida BEMO Regional EMS Coordinators
 - Regions 1, 2: Jeff Guadiana (Health, Safety & Wellness, Workforce)
 - Region 3, 4, 5: Vacant (Quality and Education)
 - Region 6: Jennifer McManus (Rural EMS, changing to Education)
 - Region 7: Tom DiBernardo (Special Projects/CARES)
- Coordinator Site Visit Potential EMSC Topics
 - Inquire about agency PECC status, pediatric equipment and training, pediatric protocols including disaster and safe pediatric transport restraint
 - Ask permission to sign up PECC or pediatric point of contact for PEDReady listserv and for weekly E-News
 - Share national and state EMSC & PEDReady resources and website (National equipment list, JumpSTART badge buddies, ABCs of Pediatric Emergencies, distraction and comfort kits, communication cards, pain and fever dosing guides, etc.)
 - Ask about pediatric challenges
 - Recognize pediatric champions and model programs
- Liaison and Constituency Group Reports
 - Rural EMS (Tracy Vause and Jennifer McManus)
 - Tracy Vause discussed his work with the Emerald Coast Healthcare Coalition. Initial surveys indicated that of the 10 counties in Region 1, 60% of agencies did not have pediatric transport equipment. This could be due to a variety of factors, including training. This is being successfully addressed by the HCC. The counties had pediatric transport equipment delivered and this continues to be a priority for Florida's coalitions.
 - FAN (Sandra Nasca)
 - Sandra Nasca supports the idea to have regional FANs in Florida, especially in the Southern part of the state. The All Grantee Meeting is in September 2023, where Ms. Nasca plans to discuss PEDReady family outreach and to help others understand PEDReady concepts. She reported on the ECHO series on disaster management with children with special healthcare needs. This series includes different scenarios that bring in children with special healthcare needs and the issues they face. The outreach committee, the PEDReady advocacy sub-committee, and the trauma domain completed the first review of the family toolkit through the education workgroup.
 - Florida Trauma Program Managers (Lisa Nichols)
 - The FCOT, FAEMSMD, and EMS Advisory Council are reviewing the issue of using national versus state Trauma Triage Protocols. This will require legislation.
 - Disaster Preparedness (Julie Downey)
 - NFPA3000 Standard is in for revision. Under that plan and working with others, they would like to remove the word "family" and use the phrase "incident reunification." Ms. Downey was able to add FL PEDReady JumpSTART as a resource. The standard will be open for public comment toward end of the year. There are a few legislative updates, including Senate Bill 250. This legislation provides \$1.25 million dollars in funding for Stop the Bleed Kits to public schools and goes into effect July 1, 2023. If you are doing any training, please register at Stopthebleed.org. Bill 543, involves concealed weapons and states that our law enforcement partners will have an active assailant policy and will be trained on it every year; goes into effect July 1, 2023. The active assailant policy will model the draft policy of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas active assailant policy. Ms. Downey encourages you to work with your law enforcement partners and to complete the training with them every year.
 - Dr. Hendry commented that there are many new legislative updates that affect pediatric care. Legislative updates will be shared with committee members and will be added as a standing update for future Liaison and Constituency Group Reports.
 - Mental Health (Lauren Young Work)

- Lauren Work would like to remind everyone that 211 is available. Every 211 system in Florida has a teen help line. There has been an increase in mental health calls in children as young as 8 years-old. 988 is the federal answer to having an integrated suicide help line number. In Florida, almost all of the 988 calls are being answered by your local 211. There is a movement in mobile integrated health using challenge coins. The coins include the 988 on them and are light and affordable. Ms. Work suggested reaching out to your department to request funding for the coins.
 - Dr. Hendry mentioned that FL EMSC purchased a Disaster Scenarios in Seconds Kit. After initial training the kit could be available for loan in the future.
- Data Committee and Biospatial (EMSC dashboard)
 - Dr. Hendry discussed that the data committee will be busy with all of the elements related to data in the new strategic plan.
- Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)/Health-Access-Resiliency and Telehealth (H.A.R.T.) (Jane Bedford)
 - Dr. Hendry mentioned there are a lot of exciting things happening with MIH. They are working on getting this data in Biospatial. If you are doing anything pediatric, email PEDReady@jax.ufl.edu.
- Florida Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) (Michael Rushing)
 - On a national level, ENA is having discussion regarding workplace violence, human trafficking awareness, and pediatric readiness with promotion of PECCs. ENPC and NRP courses have been provided to rural area critical access hospitals using rural roads to healthcare grants. EMS courses include tactical medical courses, active shooter courses in schools, and churches with pediatric patients. ENA is promoting the use of pediatric readiness survey results to encourage hospital improvements regarding PECC, pediatric readiness EDs, and EMS communities. Discussion with emergency nurses on button battery ingestion management is consistent with this focus. Mr. Rushing would like to present Dr. Hendry's button battery slides to the ENA group. All nursing licenses in Florida require human trafficking continuing education. Mr. Rushing recommends encouraging human trafficking CE's for EMS providers.
 - Dr. Hendry commented that it would be helpful if the ENA could help with obtaining the point of contact for Florida EDs to help with future surveys.
- EMS Educators
 - Dr. Hendry mentioned that there are efforts to try to improve pass rates for the schools. FL EMSC has worked on obtaining a point of contact for the schools so they can be sent pediatric resources. Many of the schools have reached out for resources to help with education efforts. A PECC is a point of contact; a champion. FL EMSC has loaned out the Scenario in Seconds to some schools throughout Florida. The importance of getting paramedics interested in pediatrics while they're in school was mentioned.
- PECCs (Jeremiah Rabish, Sarah Weed, Ernest Weishaupt, and Marvin Walters)
- Pediatric and Neonatal Transport Network Association (FNPTNA)
 - Nichole Shimko discussed the Safety Summit and CNPT Review will be September 13-14, 2023 in the Clermont area. There is national attention on the FNPTNA disaster and evacuation plan and process used in Hurricane Ian. The organization's work on this has been accepted or presented to five different conferences so far.
- Injury Prevention (David Summers)
 - David Summers discussed that he encouraged his PIER group to partner with schools to complete training on Stop the Bleed. Mr. Summers is promoting EMSC and the safe transport program. One of the areas of interest is in transportation-related injuries. There was discussion around opioid issues throughout the state and CORE. Mr. Summers discussed falls and he will be holding a live session on pediatric falls and injuries.
- Children's Medical Services, Child Death, Child Abuse
 - Brenna Radigan, Prevention Specialist/Program Analyst with Child Abuse Death Review Unit of CMS reviewed her organization's work with fire departments and others on drowning prevention. Dr. Hendry displayed some of the materials. They have done several events this Summer. If individuals are interested, you can reach out to Joshua.Thomas@flhealth.gov or Brenna.Radigan@flhealth.gov. Ms. Radigan discussed that they partnered with 9 different counties who had the highest rates of infant-related sleep death. They have been providing safe sleep bags and education to

parents and hospitals. A sample bag was shown to the committee. To obtain a bag or learn more, reach out to Joshua Thomas and Brenna Radigan.

- EMSC Day 2024
 - For EMSC Day in May 2024, FL EMSC would like to plan an event
- Future Meetings
 - State EMS Meetings on October 4-6, 2023, at Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Florida
 - Florida Fire Conference on January 10-12, 2024, at Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida
- New Trends
 - Dr. Hendry discussed that there has been a rise in congenital syphilis cases in the past decade. Reported cases of congenital syphilis increased during 2009–2018 in Florida from 21 to 108 (414%) and in the United States (US) from 427 to 1,306 (206%). At the same time, reported cases of infectious syphilis among women increased by 142% in Florida from 147 to 356 and 124% in the US from 2,232 to 4,995. These children do not necessarily present at birth. Symptoms of congenital syphilis and ED screening for congenital syphilis were discussed. Click the link to learn more about congenital syphilis:
<https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/sexually-transmitted-diseases/std-fact-sheets/congenital-syphilis.html>.

Contact Information

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Meeting Adjourned

6/15/2023 at 3:00 PM