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



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

Florida EMS for Children Advisory Committee Agenda

January 19, 2023, 1-3 pm EST

Ocean Center Convention Center – Daytona Beach, Room C

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Welcome & Call to Order

-Welcome committee members, liaisons, visitors and PECCs

-Sign roster or email attendance confirmation with name/title/contact info to pedready@jax.ufl.edu

-September 2022 meeting summary emailed and posted on PEDReady website, email corrections to pedready@jax.ufl.edu; November online meeting cancelled due to Hurricane Ian response

EMSC Advisory Committee and Liaisons

-New committee members and liaisons

1. *Marvin Walters*, EMS Chief, PMD, Wakulla County Fire Rescue: Rural PECC liaison
2. *Joshua G. Thomas*, Director, Child Abuse Death Review Unit, Division of Children's Medical Services (CMS), Florida Department of Health liaison
3. *Tricia Swan, MD, FAAP*, appointed committee member, physician with pediatric experience

- Slide set of committee members and liaisons from 2020

Opening Announcements and Key Updates from Other Committees and Constituency Groups

-Bureau updates: new educational opening session

-BEMO regional coordinators

-Review of 2022

-Farewell to Samantha League (Communications Director EMLRC)

-Focus on new HRSA EMSC State Partnership Grant and 2023-2027 performance measures

Feature Topics and Presentations:

1. Hurricane Ian Debrief and Survey

Report from Florida Neonatal Pediatric Transport Network Association
EMSC Debrief and Survey Tool- results and challenges, what tool should we use?
Isolette incubator shortages and teams with neonatal training
Future steps

2. 2023 National EMSC EMS Survey

PLEASE PARTICIPATE: only for agencies responding to 911 emergency medical calls

To: All Florida EMS agencies

From: EDC (emsc@hsc.utah.edu)

Distribution Email: emsc@hsc.utah.edu

Display Name: Emergency Medical Services for Children

Subject Line: Seeking Your Input on EMS Care for Children in Florida



Dear [Name or EMS Agency Administrator],

In conjunction with [EMSC Manager] of the [State] EMSC Program, we sent an email last week requesting your help in a nationwide quality improvement effort aimed at understanding the capabilities and needs of EMS agencies in treating ill or injured children. If you have already completed the questionnaire, thank you very much for your help.

*If you haven't yet responded, we would like to encourage you to do so. The questionnaire is short and should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. **To begin, simply click on the link below:***

emscsurveys.org

You will need to select "[State]" as your state and "[County]" as your county from the drop-down menus, and then select "[Agency Name]" as your agency.

Your responses will help Florida and Federal EMS for Children Programs to identify how to better support agencies in caring for children. We are happy to respond to any questions you have regarding the assessment via email or phone.

We appreciate you considering our request.

Sincerely, Michael Ely, Director, EMSC Data Center, University of Utah,

Department of Pediatrics, (801) 213- 3393 emsc@hsc.utah.edu

Full copy of survey: <https://emscsurveys.org/docs/EMS%20for%20Children%20Assessment.pdf>

- a. Evaluating EMS Providers' Skills Using Pediatric-Specific Equipment
- b. Coordination of Pediatric Emergency Care: * DESIGNATING AN INDIVIDUAL who is responsible for coordinating pediatric specific activities (training, protocols, equipment, etc.). Not using the term PECC (Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator) this year due to confusion over terminology.
- c. Agency demographics

Show them all the great work Florida EMS is doing to provide excellent care to children! FL PEDReady

Please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu for any questions.

3. Florida Child Abuse Death Review System, Annual Reports, and website

-Purpose of Child Death Reviews: Achieve a greater understanding of the causes and contributing factors of deaths resulting from child abuse. Whenever possible, develop a communitywide approach to address such cases and contributing factors. Identify any gaps, deficiencies, or problems in the delivery of services to children and their families by public and private agencies which may be related to deaths that are the result of child abuse. Make and implement recommendations for changes in law, rules, and policies, as well as develop practice standards that support the safe and healthy development of children and reduce preventable child abuse deaths.

-The three leading causes of preventable child death in 2021, identified through CADR case reviews and subsequent analysis, are sleep-related infant death, drowning, and inflicted trauma.

<https://www.flcadr.com/>

<https://www.flcadr.com/documents/2022-FLCADR-Annual-Report.pdf>

4. STARS Update: Special needs Tracking and Awareness Response System

National EMSC Related Updates

-Pediatric Respiratory Surge Resources

-EIIC Collaboratives: <https://emscimprovement.center/collaboratives/all/>

-NEDARC EMSC 2022 EMS Agency Survey results:

PECC: 35.6%; Florida score: 44.7%

National score use of pediatric equipment: 26.1%; Florida score 32.6%

https://nedarc.org/performanceMeasures/documents/2022NationalReportforEMSAgencies_final.pdf

-2021 NPRP Assessment (ED pediatric readiness): FL 58% response rate. Average FL score 75/100, median 76. Still pending national comparison scores due to wait for publication: <https://pedsready.org/>

2023 EMSC State Partnership Performance Measures

1. **Establish an EMSC Advisory Committee** with the required core members, convening at least four times each grant year. ✓
2. **Ensure sufficient oversight of the EMSC grant program** by maintaining one full-time SP program manager that is dedicated solely to the EMSC SP Program.
3. **Support data collection, analysis, and continuous quality improvement.** Include the collection of data from hospital EDs and prehospital EMS agencies, maintain the Program's Contact List Management System for your state/jurisdiction; disseminate information.
4. **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.
5. **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.

6. **Increase pediatric disaster readiness in hospital EDs and prehospital EMS agencies** by ensuring that disaster plans address the needs of children.
7. **Prioritize and advance family partnership and leadership** in efforts to improve EMSC systems of care.

Florida EMSC/PEDReady Updates

1. We have a Facebook page! **@floridaemsforchildren** (UF). Search as a page not a group. Please like us and share! Email pedready@jax.ufl.edu to have information shared on the page.
2. PEDReady website: <https://emlrc.org/flpedready/>
PEDReady and FL EMSC news contained in weekly FCEP news briefs and monthly FAEMSMD newsletters. Includes pediatric related announcements, resources, upcoming courses, literature, news from national, state, and local organizations, PECC updates, and champions.
Email pedready@jax.ufl.edu to sign up for news briefs or to have information posted.
3. FL PEDReady resource kits or bags
 - a. History and background
 - b. Available now (obtained with discounted rates)- communication cards, JumpSTART/START revised badge buddies, PALS pocket card, Handtevy badge buddies, Difficult Airway Course pocket card or app (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.
4. Pediatric and neonatal educational courses
 - a. OB service closures
 - b. NRP vs PALS algorithms
5. Safe Transport Project
 - a. Dissemination plan for FL EMSC slide set, recording and policy statement, sample SOP
 - b. NASEMSO Safe Transport of Pediatrics Committee discussed and recommended elimination of current and future updates to the Pediatric Transport Product for Ground Ambulances (v 2.2) document: https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/Pediatric-Transport-Products-for-Ground-Ambulances_v2.2.pdf. After input from NASEMSO Pediatric Emergency Council and others the Board of Directors voted to table the decision, pending insight from states, districts, and territories.

Liaison and Constituency Group Reports

- a. Rural update (Vause and McManus)
- b. Florida FAN Report (Nasca)
- c. Trauma: Program managers (Nichols), FTSAC, FCOT
- d. Disaster (Downey, etc.)
- e. Mental Health (Work)
- f. Data Committee, Biospatial (EMSC dashboard)
- g. Community Paramedicine/MIH/H.A.R.T. (Health-Access-Resiliency and Telehealth) Section (Bedford)
- h. FL ENA (Rushing)

- i. EMS Educators
- J. ECCs (Rabish, Weed, Weishaupt, Walters)
- K. Pediatric and neonatal transport (FNPTNA)
- I. Injury prevention (Summers)
- m. Children’s Medical Services and Child Abuse
- n. Other

New Business

1. Upcoming courses, webinars, podcasts

-Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking 5th Annual Symposium to Make a Difference, January 26th, Advent Health in cooperation with Florida Department of Children & Families and Howard Phillips Center for Children & Families, Children Advocacy Center:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=eGbDaoV3b0e-A7aLQDc0wsWqeNy6jGpLsCiyowjdtZUM04xNEROVTJJODFRUFRQNFZQSkdWTVZYVC4u>

-Bytes That You Can View (EMLRC/FAEMSMD), includes Baby 911 (1 CEU):
<https://emlrc.org/project/bytes/>

2. EMSC Day (May 24, 2023) ideas:

- Focus on neonatal education
- Handtevy webinar on the role of PECCs

3. TXA age limit recommendations and dosing for pediatric trauma

Literature and sample protocols

4. Florida Biospatial EMSC dashboard

5. Future meetings and grant transition

Questions, Comments and Announcements

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