



Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Partnering with EDs, EMS agencies, disaster preparedness organizations, and families in the care of ill and injured children to enhance pediatric readiness across the continuum of care

Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida
 Room W315B or Virtual via TEAMS
 Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 1:30-3:30 pm EST

Attendees

| Program Staff | Appointed Members | Liaisons | DOH BEMO |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Kennedy Dr. Phyllis Hendry Dr. Megan Curtis-Gonzalez (virtual) Katelyn Perl Morgan Manning-Henson (virtual) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara Tripp (virtual) Dr. Marshall Frank Dr. Tricia Swan (virtual) Nichole Shimko | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brenna Radigan (virtual) Elijah Virgin Ernest Weishaupt Jeremiah Rabish Julie Downey Lauren Young Work (virtual) Lisa Nichols (virtual) Michael Rushing Tracey Vause | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Summers Jennifer McManus Luis Dominguez Robert Mills Sam Thurmond Steve McCoy Thomas Dibernardo Ty Carhart Yvette Evans |
| Other In-Person | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Stevens Amy Stafford Billie Williams Bruce Taylor Carly Campbell Chad Abrams Daniel Moran Dr. Antonio Gandia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Elizabeth Zorovich Edward Perez Elizabeth Braun Emily Myers Evan Spence Gerald Smith Jason Bogoeff Jeff Lauraitis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Hernandez Lisa DeBoer Lucas Karth Michael Mejia Michelle Damron Nicole Smith Noreen Schramm Penelope Blake | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich Wales Sara Webb Scott DeBoer Shana Pender Shawn Rolquin Therese Corsones Tina Saunders |
| Other Virtual | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Prince Amanda Thomas Amy Berger Brian Massey Candace Pineda Carlos Javier Chris Kammel Colin Johnson Dan Sieber | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan VanDeusen David Lykens Dea Sowers Dilan Patel Dr. Brian Yorkgitis Dr. Chris Snyder Dr. Donald Plumley Dr. Peter Antevy Dr. Sara Kirby | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Williams Jael Lopez Joseph Gennusa Joshua Thomas Julie Long Kevin Chriswisher Kim Streit Krista Ott Leigh Wilsey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Dinova Loralei Ellis Lori Choat Lynette Madonna Stotsenburg Meghan Martin Penny Blake Sheri Medlar Therese Corsones |

Meeting Information

Documents Disseminated

- Florida EMSC handouts, including the following: [one page overview](#), [resources flyer](#), [communication cards flyer](#), [prehospital](#) and [emergency department](#) pediatric emergency care coordinator/champion (PECC) flyers, [Family Advisory Network \(FAN\) flyer](#), and [medical ID bracelet brochure](#)
- [National EMSC overview](#)

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcomed committee members, liaisons, PECCs, Florida Department of Health (DOH) partners, and other members
- Requested members to sign in by 1) completing the sign in sheet or 2) emailing pedready@jax.ufl.edu with their contact information. Review the attendance list above and email pedready@jax.ufl.edu for corrections or additions.

Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory Committee (EMSCAC)

- [Reviewed appointed members, liaisons, and constituency groups](#) and discussed appointed positions ending at the end of July 2024
- Reviewed Florida EMSC State Partnership Program Staff
- Dr. Tony Gandia and Key West Fire Department thanked and presented a plaque to Dr. Phyllis Hendry and FL EMSC for their continued support of pediatric EMS care in Key West.
- Chief Julie Downey is retiring in February 2024, but plans to remain a part of the EMSCAC and Disaster Committee. Dr. Phyllis Hendry recognized Chief Julie Downey for all of her outstanding efforts as the Disaster Liaison for the Florida EMSC Advisory Committee and presented her with a Wonder Woman cape.
- If you are not receiving Florida EMSC correspondence, and you would like to, please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. The PowerPoint slides and related documents will be shared to the Florida EMSC listserv and uploaded to the Florida EMSC website [here](#).

Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight (BEMO) Key Updates

- There are few new regional coordinators. Regional coordinators include Jeff Guadiana (regions 1 and 2), Brian Bentley (region 4), Sam Thurmond (region 5), Jennifer McManus (region 6), Tom DiBernardo (region 7), and Yvette Evans (regions 6 and 7). Region 3 remains vacant. The updated regional coordinator map with contact information will be disseminated in the future once finalized (action item).
- Teresa Mathew, MA, MSW, MPA is the new Strategic Planning and Grants Manager for the BEMO in the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support at Florida DOH

Florida EMSC State Partnership Program Updates

- Reviewed current national performance measures:
 - [Emergency Departments](#): 1) Expand the uptake of pediatric readiness in EDs by establishing a voluntary state hospital ED pediatric readiness recognition program, 2) designating PECCs, 3) ensuring hospital EDs weigh and record children in kilograms, and 4) ensuring that disaster plans address the needs of children
 - [Emergency Medical Services](#): 1) Improve pediatric readiness in EMS systems by establishing a voluntary state prehospital pediatric readiness recognition program, 2) designating PECCs, 3) increasing the number of agencies that have a process for pediatric skills-check on the use of pediatric equipment, and 4) ensuring that disaster plans address the needs of children
 - [Family Representation and Advocacy](#): 1) Prioritize and advance family partnership and leadership in efforts to improve EMSC systems of care
- Some of our greatest successes and projects have come directly from this committee but may not be a specific performance measure. We would like to hear your input and ideas about what is needed to continue our FL PEDReady missions.
- Reviewed Florida EMSC handouts, including a [one page overview](#) and [resources flyer](#) (updated November 2023). There are several free resources available upon request including:

- Modified [JumpSTART and START badge buddies](#). Thousands of badge buddies have been distributed throughout Florida.
- [Pediatric emergency ABC's and more poster](#)
- [Pediatric pain and fever dosing guide](#) (revised November 2023). The guide is liquid only and based on weight. Available for free download on the Florida EMSC website.
- Communication cards were revised in November 2023 with a few updated emojis and the new EMSC logo and website. The cards can be used with children who have autism, those that do not speak English or are nonverbal, and as a distraction device. They are available in [Spanish and English](#) and [Haitian Creole and English](#). There is an updated [Communication Cards flyer](#).
 - Discussed developing a training video about how to use the communication cards. The video can include a testimony from a parent and an EMS or ED professional. The target population is EMS and ED professionals and families. The purpose of the video is to teach professionals and families how to use communication cards and illustrate the impact of the cards. If you are interested in participating please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu.
- [EMSC resource bags](#): the contents are estimated to be \$75-100 in value. The resource bags will be disseminated to EMS agencies that complete the upcoming National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) Assessment expected to launch in May 2024 and as needed.
- The new [Florida EMSC website](#) is live and includes the following sections: About (funding statement/disclaimer, performance measures, partners); Resources (data and maps, educational materials, events, E-newsletter, pediatric emergency topics A-Z, podcasts and apps); EMSCAC (meeting information, members, presentations); Pediatric Readiness for EDs and EMS Agencies (PECCs, National and Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Projects, state and national survey results); Disaster Preparedness (resources); and Patient and Families (FAN, resources). Please [let us know](#) what we're missing!
- Florida EMSC social media platforms include both Facebook ([@floridaemsforchildren](#)) and Instagram ([@flemsforchildren](#)). Please tag us in your pediatric-related posts!
- Florida EMSC recently relaunched the PE²ARL (Pediatric Emergency Education Advances Research and Literature) E-newsletter in December 2023. Check out the Winter Issue 2023 [here](#). To receive future issues, email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. In each issue, a PECC will be recognized. Please email your PECC of the quarter nominations to pedready@jax.ufl.edu.
- Florida EMSC is working on a photo and video repository. If you have permission, please send in pictures and/or videos to pedready@jax.ufl.edu. Florida EMSC plans to start an EMSC calendar contest for the next calendar year, which will feature your pictures.
- Lauren Young Work shared that there is a new Department of Children and Families (DCF) mandated reporter portal to report concerns related to a abuse, exploitation, neglect, and self-neglect involving minors (and vulnerable adults). You have option of becoming a registered user on the DCF portal. To create your own DCF mandated reporter registered user account, and/or to submit DCF reports as a registered user or guest user, use this link: <https://reportabuse.myflfamilies.com/s/>. Benefits of registering include the following: registered users are able to view the status (accepted or not accepted) of all DCF reports you submit; registered users have access to their report submission history for documentation of having reported; contact information is saved to your user name; you may still report anonymously, even when logged in as a registered user (it is recommended that mandated reporters do not report anonymously to ensure documentation of having met your mandate to report); and the Abuse Hotline is still available at 1-800-962-2873.
 - For questions, contact your local DCF administrators
 - Please note that this is just for Florida
 - Dr. Hendry mentioned that there is a direct number for ED physicians and law enforcement to use, however, it is unknown if that number can be shared publicly with other EDs. Lisa Nichols commented to refrain from sharing the number publicly, as it is just for hospital EDs to use to report. The need for DCF to provide a monthly list of who is on call for DCF and supervisors off-shift/weekends was discussed and the long phone waits even with the new numbers.

Old Business

- 2023 All-Grantee Meeting information was disseminated via email. Access the presentation slides in [chronological order](#) or by [topic](#) and check out [posters and presentation recordings](#).
- In October 2023, two articles were released by the *Wall Street Journal* titled, "[Find Hospitals Deemed Ready to Treat Children in Your Area](#)" and "[Children Are Dying in Ill-Prepared Emergency Rooms Across America](#)." The response from the [EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center \(EIIC\)](#) and EMSC Data Center (EDC) was reviewed.

- Legislation that has been filed ([Senate Bill 1418: Pediatric Care in Hospital Emergency Departments](#)) regarding state standards that all EDs should have some form of pediatric readiness, which may involve taking the national assessment. Stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available.
- Pediatric Readiness related podcasts were reviewed including the [Peds-Centered Podcast](#), [The EMS Handoff](#), and [The Pediatric EMS Podcast](#). Please send in app and podcast recommendations to pedready@jax.ufl.edu. The Skeptics Guide to Emergency Medicine (SGEM) recently released a podcast episode titled, “Are you Ready for This? Pediatric Readiness of Emergency Departments,” featuring guest authors Dr. Kate Remick, Dr. Hilary Hewes, and Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill. A few key takeaways include the following: loss of PECCs due to COVID, reassignments, and loss of workforce; cost estimated at \$50/child seen in ED to significantly improve readiness and outcomes; lost 700-1,000 pediatric inpatient units over the last decade; every ED must be ready for kids every day; median time to death after presentation of a critically ill or injured child is three hours; can’t transfer everyone; and EMS plays a critical role in pediatric readiness.
- Niki Shimko shared ground ambulance crash data from 2012-2018 following the October 2023 EMSCAC meeting. The data underscores a prevalent underutilization of proper restraint mechanisms in ambulance crash incidents. For additional information, see the following:
 - [Analysis of ground ambulance crash data](#)
 - [Ground ambulance crashes presentation](#)
 - [Safety resources](#)
- [The Enhancing Pediatric Safety and Preparedness Concept Proposal](#): Funding proposals for this initiative are in process.

National EMSC Program Information ([Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network \(PECARN\)](#), [State Partnership Program](#), [EDC](#), [EIC](#), [Targeted Issues Grants](#), and the [Pediatric Pandemic Network \(PPN\)](#))

- It is EMSC’s 40th Birthday. Check out the [EMSC University: Origins of EMSC](#) and [EMSC and pediatric emergency care timeline](#).
- The EMSC Scholars and Fellows Programs launched in 2021. The programs are open to clinicians and health system professionals. Katelyn Perl, MS, CHES® (Florida EMSC Program Manager) was accepted into the EMSC Scholars Program in the Communication Domain and Isabel Sanchez, MD (Pediatric Emergency Medicine (UF JAX PEM) fellow) was accepted into the EMSC Scholars Program in the Advocacy Domain. Visit [here](#) to learn more and stay on the look out for the 2024 application period.
- There are several resources provided by the EIC, including the following:
 - [EMSC Pulse Newsletter](#): national and state activities, quality improvement initiatives, data findings and research updates, educational resources and events, funding opportunities, and more
 - [Pediatric Education and Advocacy \(PEAK\) Kits](#): best practice educational resources including recommendations, learning modules, podcasts, and webinars
 - Current: [status epilepticus](#), [suicide](#), [pain](#), [agitation](#), and [child abuse](#) (new!)
 - [Other resources](#): toolkits, learning modules, and webinars
- A new PEAK was released on child abuse. The [PEAK](#) includes:
 - [EIC/TREKK Bottom Line Recommendations: Child Abuse](#)
 - [TEN-4-FACE Sp Child Abuse Screening Tool](#)
 - [EM Pulse Podcast: Communicating About Child Abuse](#)
 - [SimBox+/Tele SimBox: Non-Accidental Trauma](#)
 - [Childhelp: Parent's Resources](#)
 - [ACS: Best Practices Guidelines for Trauma Center Recognition of Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, and Intimate Partner Violence](#)
 - [EMSC Colorado: Identify Child Abuse Recognition Module](#)
- The National EMSC Program released a [handout](#) to provide an overview of pediatric readiness. 80% of EDs see less than 10 children per day and 80% of EMS agencies see less than 8 children per month. An ED score of greater than 87 points is associated with the potential for: 76% lower mortality risk in ill children, 60% lower mortality risk in injured children; and at least 1,400 children’s lives saved each year.
- The National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) for EDs
 - The emergency department [checklist](#) is a free resource for ED professionals based on the 2018 joint policy statement, “[Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department](#).” The current national focus is on the minimum criteria for ED pediatric readiness.
 - There is an emergency department [toolkit](#) which includes the following 7 domains: Administration and Coordination; Healthcare Provider Competencies; Quality and Process Improvement; Policies,

Procedures, and Protocols; Support Services; Guidelines for Improving Pediatric Safety; and Equipment, Supplies, and Medications.

- The [NPRP Assessment](#) is intended to evaluate overall pediatric readiness in EDs and can be taken at any time for quality improvement purposes. For additional information, visit <https://www.pedsready.org/>. The next NPRP Assessment is expected in 2026. This assessment can be used for ongoing gap analysis.
- ACS Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient: the 2022 Standards became effective for verifications beginning September 2023
 - Standard 5.10 - Pediatric Readiness: the NPRP Assessment must be conducted once during the verification cycle. One cycle is defined as the thirty-six (36) month period preceding the expiration date of the current verification status.
 - Sonny Weishaupt commented that Orlando Health is working with Dr. Peter Pappas to conduct a survey at area level 2 centers. He will share further information in the future.
- The Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) for EMS agencies
 - The prehospital pediatric readiness [checklist](#) is available and based on the 2020 joint policy statement, "[Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Medical Services Systems](#)"
 - There is a prehospital pediatric readiness [toolkit](#) which includes the following 7 domains: Education and Competencies; Equipment and Supplies; Patient and Medication Safety; Patient- and Family-Centered Care; Policies, Procedures, and Protocols (to include Medical Oversight); Quality and Process Improvement; and Interactions with Systems of Care
 - The PPRP Assessment is expected to launch in May 2024. The assessment replaces the annual EMS assessment, is longer, and more detailed. To prepare for the assessment, review the PPRP [checklist](#) and [toolkit](#); check out the [Q&A](#) with Manish Shah, MD, MS, co-lead for the PPRP Assessment Workgroup, where he provides insight about the upcoming assessment; and review the [preview document](#).

Progress on the Florida ED and Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Programs (PPRPs)

- The EMS Pediatric Readiness Workgroup includes members from all seven Florida Health Care Coalition Regions, including representatives from EMS agencies, the FAN, Florida DOH BEMO regional coordinators, rural health, mobile integrated health, and more. The first meeting was held in November 2023. Following the November 2023 meeting, a group consensus was reached on the proposed minimum criteria for the future voluntary Florida Prehospital PRRP with the following components required for EMS agencies to be recognized for a baseline level of pediatric readiness: 1) has a PECC; 2) has a process that requires prehospital practitioners to locate and physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric specific equipment; 3) has a disaster plan that addresses the needs of children; 4) includes pediatrics in policies and protocols including pediatric weight, age, or length-based medication dosing; and 5) has a quality improvement plan which includes pediatric considerations. The workgroup agreed upon a Florida Prehospital PRRP with two tiers. Possible options for the tiers include Florida PEDReady Silver and Florida PEDReady Gold. A Florida Prehospital PRRP name needs to be determined. The virtual verification process is to be determined. Lisa Nichols asks if the Gold level of recognition could include child abuse screening and child restraint use.
 - Federal EMSC program expectations for prehospital PRRPs include the following: be monitored by a governing body, such as the State EMSCAC, and have application guidance: 1) guidance must include a verification process to validate each EMS agency's capability for treating children; 2) program criteria should be based on the "[Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Systems](#)" joint policy statement and [technical report](#) recommendations, which include but is not limited to the following: presence of pediatric-appropriate equipment and medications, inclusion of practices to reduce pediatric medication errors, incorporation of statewide data submission, inclusion of policies and protocols for the safe transport of children in emergency vehicles, collaboration with EDs to provide pediatric readiness across the care continuum, and more; and 3) include, at a minimum, the following in the highest tier/level: a designated PECC, prehospital practitioners physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment, and has a disaster plan that addresses the needs of children.
 - Dr. Marshall Frank requested further information regarding the criterion for a disaster plan that address the needs of children. Dr. Hendry asks that it is addressed in some way; that you at least think about including pediatrics in disaster plans.
 - Sonny Weishaupt asked about minimum training requirement standards. Dr. Hendry commented that this would need to be in the Gold level of recognition.
- The Florida EMSC State Partnership Program goals for pediatric readiness for EDs include the following: 1) to increase the percent of EDs recognized through a statewide, standardized, voluntary program that are able to

stabilize and/or manage pediatric emergencies; 2) to increase the percent of hospitals with an ED that have a designated nurse, physician, or both who coordinates pediatric emergency care (i.e., PECC); 3) to increase the percent of hospitals with an ED that weigh and record children in kilograms; and 4) to increase the percent of hospitals with an ED that have a disaster plan that addresses the needs of children including neonates. The ED Pediatric Readiness Workgroup is still in development pending the current legislative session and includes members from six out of seven Florida Health Care Coalition Regions, including representation from hospitals, the FAN, Florida DOHBEMO regional coordinators, mobile integrated health, Florida Hospital Association, and more.

- Federal EMSC program expectations for ED PRRPs including the following: be monitored by a governing body, such as the State EMSCAC, and have application guidance: 1) guidance must include a verification process to validate each ED's capability for treating children; 2) program criteria should be based on the "Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department" [joint policy statement](#), which include the following: administration and coordination of pediatric care; qualifications of physicians, nurses, and other ED staff; formal pediatric quality improvement or monitoring program; patient safety, policies, procedures, and protocols; availability of pediatric equipment, supplies, and medications; and 3) include, at a minimum, the following in the highest tier/level: have a nurse and physician designated as PECCs, weigh and record weight in kilograms, and have a disaster plan that addresses the needs of children.

Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators/Champions (PECCs)

- There is a new Florida [prehospital PECC flyer](#) which is intended to provide an overview of the role and responsibilities of a prehospital PECC. There is also a new [ED PECC flyer](#) which is intended to provide an overview of the role and responsibilities of an ED PECC. If you are interested in becoming a PECC or know someone who may be, please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu.
- Discussed the possibility of starting a PECC communication forum. There have been multiple requests to start a communication forum for PECCs to provide support, guidance, and build the PECC network in Florida. Could create a Facebook, Basecamp, Microsoft TEAMS group, or have reoccurring Zoom meeting. There are pros and cons to each platform. If you have a preference on a platform, please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu.
- A [hospital-based learning module](#) has been developed by the EICC in collaboration with the PPN. The module will help you to identify best practices for pediatric readiness and improve your knowledge on the PECC role.
 - The EICC is working on a comprehensive training program for both novice and advanced ED and EMS PECCs which will include learning modules and toolkits. Check out the newly launched [PECC webpage](#). As new resources become available, we will send out email communications. If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please contact pedready@jax.ufl.edu.

Pediatric Disaster: Preparation and Education

- The PPN's mission is, "collaboration with the nation's children's hospitals and their communities, the network will coordinate, prepare, and enable high-quality, equitable, research-based pediatric care in emergencies, disasters and pandemics." Their vision is, "improving health outcomes of children and the resiliency of children, families and communities impacted by emergencies, disasters and pandemics."
 - The PPN is now accepting applications for the [PPN Mentored Disaster Research Career Development Award](#). The goal is "to assist in the development of a diverse pool of highly trained scientists who will address the Nation's health services, behavioral and clinical research needs in disaster science research as applied to children." Applications are due January 31st, 2024.
 - The [Disaster Networking Collaborative](#) hosts monthly learning sessions for participants. These sessions involve providing strategies for improvement, topical information and testimonials by experts, and opportunities to network and collaborate with other children's hospital teams. Currently, there are six Florida hospitals participating.
- In November 2023, Florida EMSC held their first Disasters in Seconds training at the TraumaOne Before the Door Conference 2nd Edition at UF Health Jacksonville. Conference attendees participated in an elementary/middle school shooting mass casualty incident (MCI) scenario involving twenty-four victims. If you are interested in using the Disasters in Seconds Kit for training purposes, please reach out to pedready@jax.ufl.edu. View the [Pedi-Ed-Trics™ website](#) to learn more about the Disasters in Seconds kit. You can reach out to your local health care coalition about possibly purchasing a kit for your area.
- There is a [6-minute video](#) that provides an overview on "The Science of Neglect: The Persistent Absence of Responsive Care Disrupts the Developing Brain, a Working Paper from the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child." Inclusion of Children in Disaster requires understanding of Child Development "Serve and

Return." Disasters disrupt "Serve and Return" interactions that children require to mitigate separation, fear, stress, and disrupted routines. Improving the environment therapeutically preserves "serve and return" interactions and relationships in those conditions.

- There is a [Florida Health Care Coalition and Contacts document](#) available
- Niki Shimko provided a recap regarding the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference 2023. Overall highlights include the following: pediatrics has become a top discussion area for improvement; we are ahead with STARS/wrist bands when it comes to children and youth with special healthcare needs and disasters; others are performing pediatric mass drills; relationships and networking are everything; and pediatric medical operations coordinating cell (see presentation slides).
 - An individual asked if Pulsara plays a role with the pediatrics' teams. Niki commented that there are challenges with the hospital side, but they are working through it.
 - Lisa DeBoer commented that the manikins in the Disaster in Seconds kit can go through water and can be used as simulation for pediatrics decon.
 - The National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference 2024 will be in Orlando, Florida December 10-12, 2024. Presentation proposals can be submitted [here](#) and are due by February 9, 2024.

Family Advisory Network (FAN) and Family Resources

- Current Florida FANs include Sandra Nasca, RN and Rebecca Brownfield. There is a [FAN recruitment flyer](#) now available. If you are interested in becoming a FAN or know someone who maybe, please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. The goal is to have one FAN per region for a greater family voice in EMSC and disasters.
- Florida EMSC worked on developing a [Medical ID Bracelet brochure](#), which details the importance and purpose of medical ID bracelets, information to include on medical ID bracelets, as well as a special discount code. Please feel free to share this resource with your ED or agency.
 - StickyJ® Medical sells medical ID jewelry, such as bracelets, and has graciously provided Florida EMSC a 20% discount to offer to children and their caregiver(s) throughout 2024. There are multiple straps to choose from including butterflies, flowers, Minecraft characters, sports, and more. You can choose from pre-engraved ID tags or a custom engraving. Visit [here](#) to learn more.
- [Brookie's Boxes](#) provides a box of sensory items that can be used to help calm children. The organization was developed by Lieutenant Moscowitz with Flagler County Fire Rescue. Their contact information is as follows:
 - Email address: brookiessensoryboxes@gmail.com
 - Phone number: +1 386-481-4099
 - Facebook page: [Brookie's Boxes](#)

New Literature

- [Evidence-Based Guideline for Prehospital Airway Management](#) by *Prehospital Emergency Care*
- [Airway Management in Neonates and Infants](#) by *European Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care and the British Journal of Anesthesia*
- [Neonatal Resuscitation Guidelines updates](#) endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Heart Association (AHA). The guidelines include umbilical cord management and device selection for administering positive-pressure ventilation (PPV) among others.
- [Considerations on the Use of Neonatal and Pediatric Resuscitation Guidelines for Hospitalized Neonates and Infants](#): on behalf of the AHA Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee and the AAP
- Concussion [Consensus Statement](#) and [Commentary](#) by the AAP
- [Pediatric Sepsis Diagnosis, Management, and Sub-phenotypes](#) by the AAP

biopsatial Quarterly Data

- Newborn deliveries: reviewed data regarding EMS childbirths and pregnancy all ages from January 1-December 31, 2020-2022 and January 1-December 12, 2023
- Pediatric firearm injuries: this is a joint project with the Florida Committee on Trauma (FCOT) Pediatric Committee, which is looking at variability in pediatric firearm injury incidence and outcomes in Florida including geographic and socioeconomic factors
 - The difference between the social vulnerability index (SVI) and area deprivation index (ADI) was discussed. ADI does not include race or ethnicity while SVI includes race as a factor. While SVI is available at the county or Census tract level, ADI is available primarily at the Census blockgroup (neighborhood, i.e., zip+4) level. SVI is better used for targeting larger geographic areas compared with ADI, which is better used to target specific neighborhoods with greater social disadvantage.

- The following maps were reviewed: Pediatric Firearm Injuries by Zip Code 2018 and 2020; Pediatric Firearm Injuries & Pediatric Population by County 2020 and 2022; and Pediatric Firearm Injuries by County & SVI 2020 and 2022.
- Brian Massey commented that he has had requests from coalition members regarding firearm injuries and just started looking into obtaining the data

New Business

- Dr. Marshall Frank and Dr. Hendry invited FCOT pediatric members and Dr. Peter Antevy to discuss a new initiative regarding the use of pediatric prehospital whole blood (PPWB). Dr. Antevy gave a presentation on PPWB including data from New Orleans EMS. A PPWB workgroup is being developed in collaboration with Florida EMSC, EMSAC Medical Care, and FCOT Pediatric Committees to include drafting a consensus statement, sample protocols, etc. The following individuals volunteered to join the workgroup: Sonny Weishaupt, Billie Williams, RA Miller, Tracey Vause, Elijah Virgin, Dr. Chris Snyder, Mike Mejia, Dr. Peter Antevy, Julie Bacon, Dr. Phyllis Hendry, Katelyn Perl, Niki Shimko, and Dr. Donald Plumley. If there is anyone else that would like to join the workgroup, please email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. Dr. Frank will be the workgroup lead.
- There is an updated [map](#) of trauma centers and EDs (updated November 2023)
- A virtual webinar titled, “Oh Mama – Series 1 of 2,” was offered on January 24 from 1-2 EST. Attendees were encouraged to register [here](#). If you would like the recording of the Oh Baby talk, please [email Niki Shimko](#) and she will share the link with you.
- [Pedi-Ed-Trics™](#) just launched [In Seconds University](#). In Seconds University involves top tips and tricks for taking your “In Seconds” pediatric training to the next level.
- [Florida RX Card](#) is a free statewide prescription assistance program available to all Florida residents. It has value-added programs including discounts on medications for pets. Each time the card is used a donation is made to The Children’s Miracle Network.
- Discussed the opportunity to start pediatric case scenario webinars and create a family guide to pediatric emergencies and trauma. If you have good cases that you would like to present, please send those cases to pedready@jax.ufl.edu in a deidentified form.

Upcoming Events

- 6th Annual Human Trafficking Symposium on January 25, 2024 8-4:30 pm (virtual)
- [North Carolina EMS Expo 2024](#) from April 29-May 1 (preconference starts on April 26) in Greensboro, North Carolina
- [National Association of State EMS Officials \(NASEMSO\) Annual Meeting 2024](#) from May 12-16, 2024 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- EMS for Children’s Day on May 22, 2024: [submit your ideas](#) on how we can highlight this initiative!
- [27th Annual First There, First Care and Gathering of the Eagles](#) from June 10-14, 2024 at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Florida
- [Florida Symposium by the Sea 2024](#) from July 25-28, 2024 in Miami Beach, Florida
- [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference 2024](#) from December 10-12, 2024 in Orlando, Florida

Liaison and Constituency Group Reports

- **Rural EMS:** Vause, Bedford, and McManus
 - Vause: Walton county is on the edge of getting their hospital restored. Hospital services will be available shortly. They intend to connect their community health program—community paramedics—with hospital services.
- **Family Advisory Network (FAN):** Nasca
- **Florida Trauma Program Manager:** Nichols
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Downey
- **Mental Health:** Work
- **Data Committee and biospatial**
- **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health/Health-Access-Resiliency and Telehealth:** Bedford, Work
- **Florida Emergency Nurses Association:** Rushing
 - ENA is looking at Safe Haven Laws for each state. National ENA is looking at public relations and public outreach for people who fall out of windows (e.g., large condominiums, two story houses).
- **EMS Educators**
- **Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators/Champions:** Weishaupt, Rabish, and Walters
- **Pediatric and Neonatal Transport Network Association:** Shimko

- **Injury Prevention**
- **Children’s Medical Services, Child Death, Child Abuse:** Radigan
 - There are drowning prevention and safe sleep resources available, including drowning prevention magnets. Dr. Hendry illustrated that she placed a magnet on the backdoor of her home, to protect her grandson. To request resources, [email Brenna Radigan](#).
- **Other**
 - Barbie launched an emergency vehicle playset—the “new answer for mobile integrated health and workforce shortages!”

Open Discussion and Upcoming Meetings

- There will be a virtual EMSCAC meeting between now and the June 12-14, 2024 meeting at Seminole Hard Rock hotel with FTFC conference. Additional information will be shared in the near future.

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