



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

Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS) Facility Classroom 2C in Tampa, Florida
and Virtual via TEAMS

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, from 3:35-5:00 pm EST

Attendees

Program Staff	Appointed Members	Liaisons	DOH BEMO
1. Katelyn Dabhi 2. Megan Curtis Gonzalez 3. Phyllis Hendry	4. Barbara Tripp 5. Marshall Frank 6. Nichole Shimko 7. Sandra Nasca 8. Tricia Swan	9. Billie Jo Burr 10. Ernest Weishaupt 11. Jeremiah Rabish 12. John Wilgis 13. Julie Downey 14. Lauren Young Work 15. Lisa Nichols 16. Penelope Blake 17. Tracey Vause	18. Amy Lefstead 19. David Summers 20. Jennifer McManus 21. Robert Mills 22. Ty Carhart
Other			
23. Aaron Imeson 24. Alicia Schwan 25. Andrea Watkins 26. Ben Abo 27. Brendan Betancourt 28. Brian Massey 29. Brian Nadler 30. Brian Wilkie 31. Brittney Praolini 32. Carlos Javier 33. Chantel Blanchet Berggen 34. Charles Brunner 35. Charles Ingram 36. Corithian Guever 37. Dan Moran 38. David Lykens 39. David Rubay 40. Deana Vess 41. Deanna Renee Adams	48. Jarvis Prince 49. Jayme McKenzie 50. Jillian Hundley 51. John Haney 52. Johnny Padget 53. Jose Martinez 54. Julie Long 55. Justin Fleischer 56. Karen Macauley 57. Karen Street 58. Kari Hoge 59. Kate Loomis 60. Kathy Diaz 61. Keith Hernandez 62. Kevin Captain 63. Kimberly Brackney 64. Kimberly Fenton 65. Krista Ott 66. Laura Boghos	73. Megan Poff 74. Meghan Martin 75. Michelle Rud 76. Mike Stoner 77. Nicholas Clifton 78. Nicole Daugherty 79. Nikolett Szatmari 80. Olive Gaye 81. Orlando Dominguez 82. Oscar Gonzalez 83. Patty Uebelhoer 84. Peter Antevy 85. Rachal Hamlett 86. Randal Jackson 87. Rebecca Charourko 88. Ronda Cerulli 89. Sara Curtis 90. Sarah Powel 91. Scott Gunn	

42. Diana Prieto	67. Lauren Sanguineti	92. Scott Kalseth
43. Elijah Virgin	68. Linda Lopez-Puig	93. Shari Surdovel
44. Franic Messing	69. Lindsay Higgins	94. Stan Paynter
45. Geoff Miller	70. Madison Eberhardt	95. Tony Hayes
46. Heidi McKaige	71. Mark Foss	+ Others not identified
47. Hunter Zager	72. Megan Merrick	

Meeting Summary (see presentation slides and agenda [here](#)):

Welcome

- Asked attendees to complete the sign-in sheet to record attendance. Attendees joining a Florida EMSC Advisory Committee meeting for the first time were asked to provide their name, affiliation, and email address. Provided Florida EMSC resources for in-person attendees.
- Shared the [agenda](#) for the meeting
- Highlighted the mission of Florida EMSC: *Partnering with Florida 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*

Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee

- Shared that the Florida Family Advisory Network (FAN) Representative, Sandra Nasca, is retiring from EMSC. Florida FAN Representative, Billie Jo Burr, will be the new official FAN liaison to the Florida EMSC Advisory Committee.
- Reviewed Florida EMSC Appointed Members, Liaisons, and Program Staff

Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight (BEMO) Updates

- Shared the [Mobile Integrated Health Programs Map](#). The map provides MIH program contacts across the state and can be filtered by county or program. There will be NESMIS and Biospatial data points for MIH. For questions, email Jane Bedford at jane.bedford@flhealth.gov.
- Shared the [BEMO Regional Coordinators Map](#) (Updated 8/21/2025). The regions were restructured to be the panhandle, central, northeast, southwest, and southeast.
- Highlighted the state [EMS Advisory Council \(EMSAC\) website](#). The website hosts information about the state EMSAC meetings, the council, committees, and EMS awards. Attendees are encouraged to visit the website to stay up to date with state EMSAC meeting information.
- Discussed the EMS Annual Survey results related to EMSC. There was a dramatic increase in the number of prehospital pediatric emergency care coordinators/champions (PECCs). There may be a virtual meeting scheduled to review these results in the future (action item). Niki Shimko: Those who answered “yes” to “Does your agency transport pediatric and/or neonatal patients?” did not seem to answer the other questions. May want to reconsider this question for the next EMS Annual Survey.

Old Business

- The House and Senate agreed to fund the EMSC program for 2026. The next steps are dependent on a Continuing Resolution to fund the government at the current level for a period until they can agree on a budget, or a federal government shutdown will occur at midnight on October 1, 2025. Update: The federal government shutdown began on October 1, 2025, and is ongoing as of October 8, 2025. The Florida legislative session begins in January 2026. The ED pediatric readiness bill introduced last year was already filed this year by Senator Gayle Harrell.
- Recapped the [FCEP Symposium by the Sea](#) 2025 Pediatric EMS Symposium and ED Workshop. At the 2025 Pediatric EMS Symposium, Dr. Phyllis Hendry shared insights on [Florida PEDReady initiatives, resources, and pediatric emergency topics](#). Florida EMSC Advisory Committee member, Dr. Tricia Swan, presented on neonatal emergencies. Florida EMSC sponsored 10 rural scholarships for prehospital professionals and other conference costs. All participants received a Florida EMSC resource bag filled with educational materials and tools to assist with pediatric emergency care. Stay

tuned for Symposium by the Sea 2026, which is likely to be held in Amelia Island, Florida. The conference is usually scheduled at the end of July or August. Stay tuned for more information.

Special Service Recognition of Sandra Nasca

- Recognized Florida EMSC FAN Representative, Sandra Nasca, RN, who has been a lifelong advocate for children and families. Ms. Nasca was presented with an award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and gifts from Florida EMSC.

Prehospital Pediatric Readiness

- Provided an update on the Florida Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program (PRRP). Shared the [program criteria](#). Optional criteria were added to the Florida PEDReady Silver tier. Shared the pathway to recognition. Discussed tips for a successful application. There is now a webpage of [resources](#) and [best practices](#) available to assist future program applicants. EMS agencies that are interested in applying to the program can schedule a pre-consultation meeting with the Florida EMSC team. The Florida EMSC team can provide suggestions and resources to help an agency reach the appropriate recognition level. The updated [application guide](#) was approved in September 2025. The online application is currently under revision. Reviewed the application and verification processes. Highlighted recognition materials, community engagement, and recent features throughout state and national news outlets. Shared that the pilot phase successfully concluded with eight EMS agencies recognized. One EMS agency is preparing for its verification visit. Discussed successes and challenges. There is a new [prehospital mass casualty incident \(MCI\) procedure](#) available. The purpose of the resource is to identify the elements necessary to prepare and respond in a coordinated fashion to an all-hazard MCI to efficiently triage, treat, and transport victims of an MCI. Thank you to Florida EMS for Children Advisory Committee Disaster Liaison and Disaster Committee Chair, Julie Downey, for updating the procedure. Discussed next steps, which involve updating the program's application materials and developing an evaluation process. The application portal is expected to reopen on or before November 1. Moving forward, only four to five applications will be accepted per quarter. An abstract was presented at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting 2025 and submitted to the NAEMSP Annual Meeting 2026.
- Reviewed the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) for EMS agencies. The 2024 National PPRP [Assessment](#) Florida Frequency Report was released in August 2025. Shared the Florida response rate (62%, n=131/213) and scores (lowest score = 21, highest score = 98). There will be no overall national or state scores. Reviewed state aggregate-level data. There may be a virtual meeting scheduled to review these results in the future.
- Shared that there is a National PPRP [Checklist](#) and [Toolkit](#) available. There are Florida PECC challenge coins available for prehospital PECCs (see [flyer](#)).
- Shared an update on the [Safe Transport of Children by EMS: Interim Guidance](#), which was reaffirmed on 8/14/2025. [The Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances](#) is available as a historical reference only.

Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness

- Reviewed the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) for EDs. The NPRP [Assessment](#) will be administered in March 2026. Florida will do a state-led process in 2026. Florida EMSC will be requesting contact information for EDs. An updated policy statement is expected to be released this fall. See the [NPRP Assessment Overview and Frequently Asked Questions handout](#). Discussed that Florida EMSC may be reaching out to obtain ED contacts for the upcoming assessment. John Wilgis: The Florida Hospital Association is willing to help with obtaining contacts for ED managers/directors.
- Shared the NPRP [Checklist](#) and [Toolkit](#). There are Florida EMSC PECC lapel pins available for ED PECCs (see [flyer](#)).
- Modules 5-9 are now available in the [ED PECC Learning Modules Series](#)
- Reviewed the Florida PEDReady^{ED} Rural (Lifeline) grant objectives: 1) develop and implement a model voluntary PRRP for rural EDs, 2) develop, test, and disseminate a brief screening tool for early identification of children needing rapid transfer to definitive care using a modified Delphi process, and

3) develop a state dashboard of Florida EDs with burn, trauma, and pediatric capabilities, pediatric and neonatal-capable transporting systems, and other variables in an open-access geospatial platform. Provided an update on objective 1: in the process of developing a stakeholder list and memorandums of understanding, determining a recognition program name (*Florida PEDReady Lifeline*), developing a recognition program logo, and developing sample criteria based on national standards for future vetting, revision, and piloting. Dr. Kerry Bachista and Tom DiBernardo are working on expanding the Florida Resuscitation Centers and Resuscitation Academies, and there is also a focus on rural counties. Reached consensus on the recognition program name and logo. Thank you to Dr. Kerry Bachista and Tom DiBernardo for their inspiration for the program name. Provided an update on objective 3: in the process of developing a state dashboard to be reviewed by EDs, stakeholders, etc. Shared images to demonstrate what the dashboard will look like.

Disaster

- There was a recent event held by the Gulf 7 (G7) Network titled G7 Pediatric Disaster Exercise-Hospital Evacuation Webinar. Florida EMSC helped distribute information about the event. Encouraged G7 to work together with those involved with disaster preparedness in Florida.
- Shared the [Pediatric Preparedness for the Healthcare Professional Mobile Application Resource List \(G7\)](#). This is an annotated list of mobile application resources for health care professionals to prepare for emergencies.
- Discussed upcoming offerings in Florida for [MGT439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness](#). The course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children. Pediatric-specific planning considerations include mass sheltering, pediatric triage, reunification planning, and pediatric decontamination considerations. It is a management resource course for stakeholders like pediatric physicians, emergency managers, emergency planners, and members of EMS, fire, police, etc. Several offerings are available in 2026 and into 2027. The offering in Fort Lauderdale is still open. [Sign up today](#).
- Shared the [Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Self-Assessment for Children's Hospitals \(PDPACH; PPN\)](#). This is a key initiative to measure pediatric hospitals' readiness for emergencies, disasters, and pandemics. To receive the assessment via email and include your institution in this work, register [here](#). For more information, contact Anna Bowie via email at PDPACH@pedspandemicnetwork.org.
- Shared additional disaster-related resources, including the [Ready. Prep. Go! Podcast \(PPN\)](#), [National Pediatric Disaster Coalition](#), [Ready 2 Help \(Ready Kids\)](#), and [Disasters in Seconds \(Pedi-Ed-Trics™\)](#)

Family Advisory Network (FAN)

- Shared the new [Caring for Children with Medical Complexities at Home Module \(PPN\)](#). The module involves training that shares real stories from parents, nurses, and EMS providers, so you can see what to expect and learn helpful tips for home care. The module is intended to guide you step by step so you can feel confident, prepared, and supported at home. Modules 1-3 are now available, with more modules coming soon.

National EMSC Program Information (EDC, EIIC, State Partnership Programs, PECARN, PPN, and Targeted Issues Grants)

- Shared the [PPN Visual Communication cards](#). The cards are used to help bridge communication gaps, especially with children who are non-verbal or speak a different language. They are designed to engage and comfort patients through colorful, child-friendly visuals; enable fast and effective communication across language barriers; and support interaction with children who have limited or no verbal skills. The cards can serve as a distraction tool. They were created by the PPN and adapted from Florida, Minnesota, and Kansas EMSC. The cards are currently being piloted. [Request a set\(s\)](#) or [download the PDF version](#). Florida EMSC requested a large order to distribute within Florida.
- An EMSC State-Created Library is available to explore resources created by other states. Discussed other National EMSC resources available, including the [EMSC Pulse Newsletter](#) and [Pediatric](#)

[Education and Advocacy \(PEAK\) Kits](#). There are [other resources](#), such as toolkits, learning modules, and webinars.

- Shared the [National Pediatric EMS Performance Dashboard](#) (NHTSA and EMSC). The dashboard provides a summary of EMS data related to pediatric care. It can be used to support quality and performance improvement and complements the work of the National Pediatric Readiness Project. Quality measures consist of pediatric-specific views of performance measures maintained by NEMSQA.

New Literature, Podcasts, and Other Resources

- Shared new literature: [Systems-Based Care of the Injured Child: Technical Report](#) (September 2025) and podcast: [Conquering Pediatric Airway Panic: Training, Tools, and Tough Truths](#) (Inside EMS). The Florida Center for EMS has a [Pediatric Course](#) that is free, self-paced, and offers 4 continuing education units. ACEP has Pediatric Section Resources, including the [Pediatric Assessment Triangle: Rapid Assessment of Ill and Injured Children](#) – free, 1.75 CME/ACEP Category 1 available – and [Pediatric Emergency Airway Management: A Video-Guided Tour of Cases](#) – free, 1 CME/ACEP Category 1 available. You need to create a free account to access the courses.

Florida EMSC State Partnership Program Information

- Reviewed the National EMSC performance measures
- The HRSA Florida EMSC Site Visit is still scheduled for 2/24-2/26/2026 as of right now
- Florida EMSC has a new Project Officer (PO): Christina Ramsey
- Shared the [One-page overview](#), [Resources flyer \(Modified JumpSTART and START badge buddies, pediatric emergency ABCs and more\)](#), communication cards ([Spanish/English](#), [Haitian Creole/English](#)), [pediatric pain and fever dosing guide](#)), and Ready Wrigley hurricane preparedness educational coloring books (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)). Florida EMSC fidget spinners and notepads are available upon request.
- Shared the Florida EMSC [website](#) and social media pages: Facebook ([@floridaemsforchildren](#)) and Instagram ([@flemsforchildren](#))
- The [Summer Issue 2025](#) of the PE²ARL Quarterly E-newsletter was released. The Fall Issue 2025 is in progress. To submit topics, events, etc., to be featured in the next issue, email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. [Sign up](#) to receive future issues and other Florida EMSC updates.
- [Past presentations](#) are available on the Florida EMSC website

Upcoming Events

- Shared upcoming events, including the following: [9th Annual Pediatric Symposium](#) 10/4/2025 at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and [First Steps to Disaster Preparedness: Equipping PECCs to Start a Pediatric Disaster Plan](#) (AAP Section on Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Readiness Subcommittee) 10/14/2025 3 pm EST. See the [Zoom link](#), meeting ID: 924 5107 0081, and password: 812511. Other upcoming events include the [2025 UF Health ShandsCair EMS Conference](#) 10/24/2025 in Leesburg, Florida; [TraumaOne Before the Door Conference](#) 10/28/2025 at UF Health Jacksonville Learning Resource Center (LRC) in Jacksonville, Florida; [National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference](#) 12/1-12/3/2025 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas; [Florida Fire and EMS Conference](#) 1/5-1/9/2026 at Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida; [State EMSAC and Constituent Group meetings](#) 1/7-1/9/2026 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida; and [National Association of EMS Physicians](#) 2026 Annual Meeting 1/26-1/31/2025 at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street in Tampa, Florida.

New Business

- Discussed EMS and ED documentation for e-bike-related injuries. The state Data Committee is looking into whether there is a code in Biospatial or NEMSIS for e-bikes. Requesting EMS and EDs to document if there is an e-bike-related injury. There is a code the hospitals can use. States have different local laws and rules that change frequently. The following resources were shared: [Volusia County E-bike Crash Simulation Provides Valuable Training for First Responders](#) and [Ride Smart: A Quick Guide for Electric Bikes in Manatee County](#).

Liaison and Constituency Group Reports

- **Florida Emergency Nurses Association (FENA):** Blake
 - The IMPACTs grant was approved. There are some funds available from FENA and Florida EMSC.
 - Invited to visit Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade at the end of August to speak with them about becoming pediatric-ready. They are preparing now for the survey in 2026, and we will follow up with the requested resources and education.
 - We are going to have the first trial Train the Trainer class on October 16th in conjunction with the state FENA meeting in Tamarac. There are five of us who are going to trial the templates and the outlined course set up by ImpACTs, then tweak it to fit our needs. We will then set up dates for courses to be offered to those who want to take on the regional PECC role in their areas.
 - A conference call is set up with Advent Health Children's in Orlando, Erin Montgomery, and I on September 30th to discuss their implementation for pediatric readiness
 - During the national conference in New Orleans, we were able to get room for a special interest group meeting for any at the conference who was interested in the PECC roles. This was facilitated by Texas ENA. It was standing room only. There is so much interest in collaborating on this, all over the country (actually, internationally as well). They shared some of their initiatives, and many contacts and connections were made.
 - As noted in the EMSC newsletter, during the Emergency Nurses General Assembly, we managed to get a resolution passed, GA25-02A: Designation of a Nurse Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) in Every ED, with 95% of the delegates there voting in favor of the initiative. By having ENA behind this recommendation, EDs have the support of the most recognized expert organization in emergency department nursing.
 - We are working now on the first webinar/online discussion for any interested PECCs in Florida, aiming for mid-November
 - Four FENA members were chosen to do presentations at the national ENA conference – Penny Blake (Neonatal Emergencies), Mike Zonak and Ashley Mendonza (Button Battery ingestions, Rise in Preventable Trauma); and Christie Jandora and Caitlin Brocius presented a poster on Patient Flow in the ED Quality Improvement
 - The next quarterly meeting of the FENA will be in Tamarac at HCA Florida Woodmont Hospital, Training Center October 17th. The FENA board will hold its 2026 Strategic Planning meeting the day before the quarterly meeting, where it will plan dates for 2026 meetings. ENA's Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) is having a conference in Destin, October 13–15, 2025.
 - Outreach updates: FENA members of the Pediatric Readiness committee are providing facilities with resources and links to assist in their pediatric readiness. We have also uploaded a number of pediatric simulation scenarios for use in drills in EDs that can be accessed [here](#). We have a few infant manikins that we can provide to our members who will be helping with simulated drills in their chosen EDs. Additionally, one of our members used the FL EMSC slides as a resource to create a PowerPoint presentation to be used at local ENA chapter meetings and when meeting with hospital EDs, which can be accessed [here](#). The committee is developing a format to offer monthly online meetings for Florida hospital PECCs to join, where they can collaborate with others, have their questions answered, and be provided resources to assist in their roles. The target time is to start this summer with offerings. Committee members to spread the word about errors in the 2025 version of the Broselow Tape (errors in bicarb concentration and defib/cardiac versions). Flyers and print materials, as well as some of the other resource materials provided by FL EMSC will be available at the State FENA meeting in October to pass out to chapter representatives to use for their outreach efforts.

- Social media updates: The “FENA ED Pediatric Readiness Resource” Facebook group keeps adding viewers and subscribers. We also use the Florida ENA Facebook page to post information. We have an Instagram account as well, in collaboration with FL EMSC. We have also created a WhatsApp group for rapid communication among members.
- Information from the October EMSC Advisory Committee meetings will be shared at the FENA State meeting on October 17, 2025. Members of the Pediatric Readiness committee have been given the link to join the EMSC Advisory Council meeting in October, so they can join and listen in.
- Florida ENA has scholarships for first responders seeking nursing degrees. This scholarship is for any first responder admitted to a School of Nursing and/or currently enrolled in a School of Nursing to pursue a higher level of education in the Emergency Setting. Eligible First Responders include certified EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement Officers who have a Student Membership of ENA and/or Affiliate ENA membership and are in at least the second semester of core nursing courses/classes from the application date. There are two (2) awards annually. The amount of the award is \$500 for each applicant. The deadline for submission is September 30 of the current year. You can locate a copy of the application at <https://connect.ena.org/fl/home> under resources. No applicants yet.
- Advocacy: FENA members have been monitoring legislation on both the state and national levels to respond to any bills that may affect practice
- **Florida Trauma Program Manager:** Nichols
Trauma managers haven’t met since May. There is work being done on child abuse and imaging gently/ALARA.
- **Mental Health:** Work
Met with a legislator who has a specific interest in pediatric mental health initiatives, and is looking at legislative pathways to increase mental health resources for pediatrics statewide
- **Rural:** Vause, Bedford, Redd – No update
- **Family Advisory Network (FAN):** Nasca, Brownfield, Burr, McNeil – No additional updates
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Downey
The EMSAC survey is back with USF, and we have asked that they make it more Committee/user-friendly so we can figure out next steps. The Florida Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight Ambulance Deployment SOG (ADSOG) has been updated and distributed. Ambulance Deployment Standard Operating Guideline Mission: The State Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8) ADSOG is directed towards enhancing disaster management and emergency response at the local, county, and state levels of government by: utilizing the NIMS to manage resources during a disaster; providing resources for pre-hospital EMS through State ESF-8; pre-designating responsibilities for leadership and resources at the local, county, regional, and state levels; and integrating ESF-8 into the planning and response phases of emergency management systems at the local, county, and state levels.
- **Florida Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition:** Downey
We meet in person on July 29-30 and conference call on September 19, with another in person meeting October 22-23. The purpose of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Coalition was formed in February 2013 to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan (PBSSP) in support of Florida’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The Coalition serves in an advisory capacity and provides subject matter expertise to FDOT in the planning and implementation of the PBSSP. The EMS Group goal is to improve medical response and reduce mortality and morbidity resulting from crashes involving people walking and biking. The following are the projects for the EMS Group: provide responder education on key injuries sustained by pedestrians and bicyclists involved in crashes; support 100% participation in EMSTAR; collaborate with EMS, Law, engineers, and other injury prevention partners to share key insights and collaborate on efforts to

reduce mortality and morbidities; and promote, advance, or accelerate the implementation of emergency vehicle preemption technology to reduce conflicts at intersections.

- **Data Committee and Biospatial** – No update
- **Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health/Health-Access-Resiliency and Telehealth:** Bedford, Work – No update
- **EMS Educators** – No update
- **Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators/Champions:** Weishaupt, Rabish – No update
- **Pediatric and Neonatal Transport Network Association and STARS Program:** Shimko
No new education is being rolled out. The website is being updated.
- **Injury Prevention**
Billie Jo Burr is working closely with Reese’s Purpose. Reese’s Purpose is looking at any consumer product safety issue that could impact a child adversely.
- **Children’s Medical Services, Child Death, Child Abuse:** Senn
Florida EMSC met with the Florida Child Abuse and Death Review (CADR) team. A limited supply of drowning prevention materials was sent to MIH programs throughout the state. There are drowning prevention champions in certain counties. To find your drowning prevention champion, email pedready@jax.ufl.edu. A limited supply of drowning prevention materials is available. For drowning prevention resources, email DeShanta Richardson, Senior Project Coordinator with the Florida CADR, at DeShanta.Richardson@flhealth.gov.
- **Florida Committee on Trauma:** Draus
There is a pediatric portion of the FCOT website now. There was a TXA change on the [FCOT peds webpage](#).
- **Florida Hospital Association:** Wilgis, Pelligrino
Working on key initiatives around maternal mental health, readmission prevention, post-acute and long-term care coordination, and workplace violence
- **Other**
 - There were several recipients in Florida for the NAEMT and EMS World 2025 National EMS Awards of Excellence: Keshia Robillard, MPH, EMT, CPST, Gainesville, Florida (2025 NAEMT EMT of the Year Award); Lisa DeBoer, NREMT-P, PI, CET, Reunion, Florida (2025 NAEMT-American Academy of Pediatrics Pediatric EMS Award); and Sun City Center Emergency Squad, Sun City Center, Florida (2025 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year Award)
 - Sarah Powell: The PECC for Alachua County Fire Rescue. Work is being done on our certification.
 - Shared that Handtevy received funding to implement their system at rural EMS agencies and hospitals. Dr. Peter Antevy: It’s going very well. If any rural hospitals or EMS are interested, please reach out. Can email Dan Moran directly at dmoran@handtevy.com.
 - Shared that the Trauma/Burn Domain of the PPN worked on drafting child abuse infographics for EMS clinicians. Dr. Hendry will review the resources and provide feedback.

Questions and Open Discussion

- The next Florida EMSC Advisory Committee meeting is to be determined. Stay tuned for more information. To view past and future Florida EMSC Advisory Committee meeting information, visit [here](#).

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