



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

**June 8, 2007
Portland State Office Building
9:00 AM**

Members Present: Mary Barnum, Leigh Avery, RN, EMT-P, Cindy Cristofani, MD, Steve Myren, EMT-I, Robert Walters, EMT-P, Jane Burke, RN (TCON), Sandra Dunbrasky, MD (TCON), David Spiro, MD, Scott Shepherd (TCON), Pam Bessler, RN (TCON), Gina Craven, RN.

Absent: Merlin Curry, Sharon Stapleton, Mike Howell

DHS Staff: Susan Werner RN, Philip Engle

In attendance: Garth Meckler, MD

David Spiro, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The committee was reminded that there is a no smoking policy.

Review of Minutes Mary Barnum made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Walters seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

a. Current Business

a. EMSC Coordinator Position

Welcomed Philip Engle as the new Program Manager for EMSC. Mr. Engle is currently classified as temporary and will be applying to the permanent position which has been posted. Susan Werner informed the committee that the position is posted and as soon as it closes she will be asking members of the committee to participate and sit on the panel to interview applicants.

Action: Ms Werner will be determine if the interviews will use a 1 tier or 2 tier panel. Non management positions do not require a 2 tier panel process. The interviews will begin sometime after Ms Werner returns on the 27th.

b. Budget

Mr. Engle and Ms. Werner reported program funds for 2007 EMSC federal partnership grant funds totaled \$115,000 and \$200,000 in general funds have been budgeted for

biennium but not yet approved. Mr. Engle reported there was a carry forward request totaling \$41,179 made to the EMSC National Program Office.

Funds would be used to complete EMSC activities as outlined in the grant proposal and allow for additional activities. They are as follows: PEPP/PALS educational grants for rural providers (\$15,000); "Managing School Emergencies" nurse training (\$8,000); collect baseline data for pediatric recognition of hospitals (PM66c contractual fees \$15,000)

Action: Mr. Engle will begin planning for the school nurse training courses. Mr. Engle and Ms. Werner will begin the RFP process to identifying a contractor to collect baseline data for Performance Measure 66c; Mr. Engle will announce the PEPP/PALS educational grants.

c. Program Goals and Objectives Progress Report

Mr. Engle reported on the data collection for Performance Measures 66a (on-line/off-line medical direction) 66b (essential pediatric equipment and supplies), 66d (inter-facility transfer guidelines), 66e (inter-facility transfer agreements)

He indicated that for PM 66a, 66b a Web-based survey to all pre hospital transport providers was conducted. Results are still being analyzed but preliminary data indicates the less than 50% of providers completed the survey. Some of the challenges to receiving a higher response rate included access to the internet and use of the web-based survey.

Ms. Werner stated that the results of the surveys for PM 66d and 66e, have been completed and are being reviewed. She indicated that Merlin Curry was to take them to the EMS committee but unable to attend. Mary Barnum reported that she presented PM66d to her constituents and there was a favorable response.

Gina Craven suggested that the committee take a more prominent role in promoting more outreach pediatric education to underserved rural providers in addition to PALS. Cindy Christofani and David Spiro both talked about some of the limitation of PALS

Garth Meckler talk about the benefits of developing an outreach program using neonatal simulators. Interested in applying for federal grants through EMSC. Steve Myren said ATV funds are available through the Oregon Parks program and could possibly be used for training prehospital providers in treating ATV injuries.

Action: Garth Meckler will be demonstrating the pediatric simulators at the EMSC conference. Steve Myren will meet with the parks department board to determine if funds would be available to develop a program.

Meeting Schedule for 2007

Meeting Dates: October 19 - Friday evening dinner meeting 6:00pm-8:30pm at the EMSC conference in Seaside, Or, December 7, PSOB 9-12