

**OREGON STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2007

Portland State Office Building

800 NE Oregon St.

Portland, Or

Members Present: Leigh Avery RN, EMT-P; Steve Myren EMT-I; Merlin Curry EMT-P; Cindy Cristofani, MD; Robert Walters EMT-P; David Spiro MD; Scott Shepherd EMTP; Pam Bessler RN (TCON); Mary Barnum RN (TCON); Sandra Dunbrasky MD (TCON)

Adhoc Member: Garth Meckler MD

Members Absent Excused: Sharon Stapleton RN; Gina Craven RN; Jane Burke RN

OHD Staff Present: Philip Engle, Robert Leopold, Michelle Haun-Hood RN; Donna Wilson EMT-P; Ritu Sahni MD

Review of Minutes

David Spiro called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The minutes from October 19th, 2007 were reviewed with minor corrections and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

a. Pediatric Equipment Recommendations

Robert Walters requested an update on getting a list of the approved recommended minimal essential pediatric equipment for ambulances. He thought it should be on the website. Merlin stated that the committee did send out an approved list in 2006 to transport agencies and EDs and that there was a recommendation from the committee to support the equipment list be incorporated into the Rules revision. The Rules committee elected not to include a detailed list but to refer to the recommended list.

Action: The minimal equipment list will posted to the website.

b. Rule 265 revision review process (Recertification for EMTs)

During the EMSC meeting a public hearing on Rule 265 was taking place and committee members were given an opportunity if they wanted to make a statement. The impact of 265 on pediatric continuing education was reviewed by Merlin Curry. As the representative from EMSC Merlin Curry stated that the rule would increase pediatric training for all EMT levels.

1. **New Business**

a. Performance Measures Update

PM 66a&b: On-line/off-line pediatric medical direction/essential pediatric equipment and PM 66d&e: Written pediatric inter-facility transfer guidelines/protocols and agreements.

Philip Engle reported on the findings from the 2006/07 surveys sent to transport agencies and hospitals. He indicated that the low response for transport may have been due to technical problems with the use of the web-based survey. Results of the surveys will be posted on the EMSC website. The 2007/08 surveys have been redesigned and are in final review. The committee provided suggestions for adding questions and gave feedback. The surveys will go out in January 08.

PM66c: Hospital recognition process for pediatric emergencies and trauma.

Philip Engle suggested having someone from one of the other EMSC programs who has developed a facility recognition program present to the committee at the meeting in March. Michelle Haun-Hood is currently working with the national trauma group and reviewing the proposed changes by ACS for the pediatric component for trauma designation. Cindy Cristofani emphasized the importance that ACS should be consulting with the AAP to take into account all pediatric medical needs. A facility recognition task force was formed and include Cindy Cristofani, Mary Barnum, Gina Craven with support from Michelle Michelle Haun-Hood.

Action: Philip Engle will send out to the facility recognition task force national standards for pediatric care.

PM#68a: Changes to EMSC Advisory Committee

Phil Engle presented the new requirements for PM68a (EMSC advisory committee membership) that requires the advisory committee have at least 8 core members. There was a discussion to determine what additional positions would be needed and a review of the requirements for current positions. A motion was made and approved to change the

bylaws to comply with the performance measure and modify the requirement language for current positions. Mr. Engle updated the committee on the current members that have terms expiring and stated that those who wish to continue would need to submit a letter of interest to DHS. Leigh Avery was nominated to Vice Chair. A unanimous vote was made to approve the nomination.

Action: A draft of the revised bylaws will be submitted to committee members for adoption at the next meeting. Announcements for the new positions will be posted on the EMSC website and re appointment requests will be reviewed and submitted to the State Director of Public Health for approval.

b. Pediatric Simulation

Garth Meckler made a presentation for a pre hospital education program using high fidelity pediatric simulators.

- Phase I needs assessment of resources for simulation equipment, personnel and curriculum development.
- Phase II curriculum design based on regional differences, epidemiology and in field training needs of providers for pediatric emergencies. Use of wireless manikins would allow for mock codes to include participation of first responders, pre hospital and practice transport and handoffs.
- Phase III evaluate program to determine improvements in confidence of providers to care for pediatric patients, compliance with new education requirements and improve patient outcomes.

A motion was made and accepted by the committee to form a task force for a pediatric simulation prehospital education program. The task force consists of Garth Meckler, Merlin Curry, Steve Myren, and Cindy Cristofani. A motion was made by and approved by the committee to support the use of EMSC funds to purchase initial simulation equipment.

Action: Philip Engle will put in request to state leadership to use EMSC funds to purchase simulation manikins.

Adjourned: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm