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PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COMMITTEE (PECC)

April 9, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Christine Darr

Dr. Christine Darr, PECC Chair, called the April 9, 2014, Pediatric Emergency Care Committee (PECC) meeting to order at the offices of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Building A, 1st Floor Carson Room at approximately 1:05 p.m. A call-in number was established, and committee members and the public were able to participate via conference call.

Roll Call

Sean Caffrey

A quorum was established at 1:07 p.m.

Members Present

Christine Darr (Chair), Jason Blumen (via telephone), Lara Rappaport (via telephone), Ali Braun (via telephone), Kathleen Adelgais (via telephone), Sean Caffrey, Mike Archuleta (via telephone), Rich Martin, and Emma Watt.

Members Absent

Audrey Jennings, Jim Richardson, Vicky Cassebaum

EMTS Section Staff Present

Marschall Smith and Matt Concialdi

Members of the Public

Lena Mayes with Children's Hospital of Colorado, Megan Strawhacker with Denver Health, Melody Mesner with CMRETAC, Tom Candlin with St. Anthony's Prehospital Services, Elizabeth Spradlin with Memorial Hospital, and Stephanie Harrison with Children's Hospital.

Approval of Minutes

Christine Darr

The draft minutes of the Jan. 29, 2014 PECC meeting were made available to members prior to today's meeting.

Jan. 2014 minutes can be found at www.emsccolorado.org under the Committees tab.

MOTION

MOVED BY MR. MARTIN, SECONDED BY MS. WATT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2014 PECC MEETING

MOTION PASSED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CDPHE Report

Marschall Smith

The position announcement for the EMTS branch chief job has been posted, and the deadline for applying has been extended. The funding from the federal government for the continuation of the program has been approved. SEMTAC

approved the Memorial Hospital/Children's Hospital waiver for the facility in Colorado Springs to transfer pediatric patients from the trauma designated Memorial Hospital Emergency Department to the non-trauma designated Children's Hospital within the same building.

EMSC Ongoing Projects

An update was provided by the coordinator of the projects.

Mobile Simulation Lab
Sean Caffrey

The mobile simulation lab has been modernized and updated – ready to begin a busy summer. The lab will be debuting at the April 26, 2014, SWRETC Peds Conference. Information about requesting the lab and pricing can be found at www.emsccolorado.org under the education tab.

Carryover Projects
Sean Caffrey

The grant year ended under budget, and a request has will be made to carryover unexpended funds to the current spending cycle. Funds have been used to host or participate in several conferences on pediatric issues and ensuring that pediatric concerns are represented on a broader scale in Colorado. Items of note in the last quarter were:

- St. Anthony Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) Instructor Materials
- Children's Hospital EMS Conference in January 2014 with approximately 150 attendees
- Denver Health Pediatric and Critical Care Conference February 2014 with approximately 200 in person and on line attendees
- EMS for Children Strategic Planning Summit in February of 2014 with approximately 30 attendees.

CPPQC (Cupcake)
Kathleen Adalgais

A summary of the February 11, 2014, meeting was provided and included an announcement that the group has decided to focus its efforts in 2014 on the care and treatment of pediatric seizure. The focus will also include concerns of medication dosages and obtaining proper weight information using length-based tapes. It was noted that recent research indicates error rates based on tape-obtained information appears to be abnormally high. The group is also working on establishing benchmarks and a review of how a "child" is defined for medical treatment purposes. There appears to be little consensus on the definition, and as a result, a workgroup is being formed to draft a guidance document.

Family Rep Updates
Emma Watt

The Family Rep is creating a working relationship with Parent to Parent (P2P) Colorado (www.p2p-co.org) as a resource portal and a social network. The P2P webpage also has a Spanish version. The PECC has been invited to attend the July P2P advisory board meeting.

A project has been started regarding the Quick Response or QR coding system or other methods to provide patient care data on children with special health care needs to EMS; the group is currently scheduling a date for meeting. The Marin County California Fire Department started a similar initiative that failed; however, they are willing to share successes and strategies. The group is seeking ways to connect EMS providers with access to the electronic medical records currently available to healthcare facilities. This project is looking at the potential for interfacing with Health Information Exchanges with Poudre Valley EMS taking a lead on the Front Range and Mesa County taking a lead on the Western Slope.

EMS Assessment

Pediatric care in disasters is an ongoing focus as part of the information being

*Christine Darr
Sean Caffrey*

gathered through the assessment. Most disaster drills do not adequately address the unique aspects of dealing with pediatric victims. Of special note is with the problem with separating, then reuniting parents and their children. It was noted that a graduate student will be available to CU this summer to assist in this area. There is a need to continue to look for opportunities to participate in disaster drills and bring attention to the concerns of the pediatric community. The Veteran's Administration runs an annual drill, and the group will ensure that pediatric concerns remain on the agenda. There is an opportunity developing regarding providing input to Colorado's readiness plan. More information will be provided at the next meeting. The group noted that Memorial Hospital and Children's Hospital Colorado will be conducting an exercise this summer.

*Strategic Planning Summit
Sean Caffrey*

The strategic plan document developed as a result of the Strategic Planning Summit in February was provided to the group in advance of the meeting and discussed in detail. Input into the document will continue as it is refined and implemented. The group expressed its appreciation for the work of the summit participants, with special appreciation for the coordinators from NEDARC. The next step in the process is to place one or two of the plan priorities on the PECC future agendas for discussion and action coming from each meeting.

New Business

Information was provided under each section.

*Group
Updates/Announcements*

None

Next meeting
Christine Darr

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 9, 2014.

Adjournment
Christine Darr

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.