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## PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COMMITTEE (PECC)

July 9, 2014

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Call to Order

*Christine Darr*

Dr. Christine Darr, PECC Chair, called the July 9, 2014, Pediatric Emergency Care Committee (PECC) meeting to order at the offices of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Building A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Carson Room at approximately 1:09 p.m. A call-in number was established, and committee members and the public were able to participate via conference call.

#### Roll Call

*Christine Darr*

A quorum was established at 1:09 p.m.

#### Members Present

Kathleen Adelgais (via telephone), Mike Archuleta (via telephone), Vicky Cassebaum, Sean Caffrey (via telephone), Christine Darr (Chair), Lara Rappaport (via telephone), Jim Richardson (via telephone).

#### Members Absent

Jason Blumen, Ali Braun, Audrey Jennings, Rich Martin, Michelle Reese, Emma Watt

#### EMTS Section Staff Present

Marschall Smith and Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse

#### Members of the Public

Bruce Evans with Upper Pine River Fire Protection District, Fred Morrison SEMTAC chair, Elizabeth Spradlin with Memorial Hospital.

#### Approval of Minutes

*Christine Darr*

The draft minutes of the April 9, 2014 PECC meeting were made available to members prior to today's meeting.

*April 9, 2014 minutes can be found at [www.emsccolorado.org](http://www.emsccolorado.org) under the Committees tab.*

#### MOTION

MOVED BY MS. CASSEBAUM, SECONDED BY MR. CAFFREY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 2014 PECC MEETING

#### MOTION PASSED

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

#### CDPHE Report

*Marschall Smith*

The new EMTS branch chief is Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse and the leadership positions within the division have all been filled. A new application for EMS provider certification will be available soon. The online application for EMS

providers is currently in the testing phase and with a phased rollout process starting in September.

### **EMSC Ongoing Projects**

Mobile Simulation Lab  
*Sean Caffrey*

An update was provided by the coordinator of the projects.

The mobile simulation lab has had over 180 participants that have been trained in the lab since it debuted in April. Incremental changes and upgrades will be an ongoing process. A class to become a trainer will be held on August 27<sup>nd</sup> at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Contact Sean for additional information regarding the training opportunity. Information about requesting the lab and pricing can be found at [www.emsccolorado.org](http://www.emsccolorado.org) under the education tab.

Carryover Projects  
*Sean Caffrey*

The EMS for Children grant year (3/13 – 2/14) ended under budget and the request to carryover unexpended funds to the current spending cycle has been approved in principle by CDPHE. The PECC agreed with the project allocations. Work is underway to request the funds from HRSA.

CPPQC (Cupcake)  
*Kathleen Adelgais*

A summary of the May 13, 2014, meeting was provided. The meeting included discussions about the vital sign documentation project and the progress toward creating age cut-off guidelines, developing a regional pediatric medical direction process and creation of clinical best practice guidelines. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Children with special needs/EMS info taskforce  
*Sean Caffrey*

The taskforce is reviewing information available to EMS providers for children with special needs then developing a list of recommendations. Current efforts are directed at identifying viable models to make such information available. A draft list of recommendations will be presented to the group at the October meeting.

Research/NAEMSP/AAP Updates  
*Kathleen Adelgais*  
*Lara Rappaport*

A CU / CHCO research group who meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, the meetings are open and any interested party can attend, contact Dr. Adelgais or Dr. Rappaport for additional information. Current topics being reviewed include finding methods to improve provider confidence in pediatric care and using pediatric equipment, determining if the Broselow Pediatric Emergency Tape is tied to published guidelines and if it use helps or hinders care.

NAEMSP update – working on a policy statement regarding readiness in prehospital situations. Findings indicate a lack of familiarity with pediatric equipment and situations, especially relating to obtaining blood pressure.

National EMSC Program – Next generation performance measures are being developed that will focus less on online medical control and equipment issues with more focus on availability of pediatric protocols and implementation and use of both protocols and equipment.

### **New Business**

Incentive Category Submission  
*Sean Caffrey*

Information was provided under each section.

The incentive category was submitted and reviewed by Public Policy and Finance Committee earlier in the day for inclusion in the EMTS provider grant program. The request has been tabled until the October meeting to gather additional information.

Altered Standards of Care  
Plan Update  
*Sean Caffrey*

A group has been formed at the CDPHE Office of Preparedness and Response that will update the current altered standards of care during pandemic influenza plan. The current focus is to expand the work beyond pandemic flu outbreak to include a more all hazards approach. The intention is to publish information in the fall of 2015.

Pediatric Consultants to  
RETACs and RMDs  
*Christine Darr*

The next meeting of the Colorado Regional Medical Directors will be held on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and this item is a scheduled discussion item. Working on creating a champion for the process and making access available both on-line and in real time.

Strategic Plan Priority  
Discussion  
*Christine Darr*

A review of the strategic plan document from the February summit shows that many of the items are being addressed and have started. A summary of the plan with updated information will be sent to committee members prior to the next meeting. Currently in the works is creating a taskforce or workgroup to develop a pediatric instructor's tool kit and process, more information as it comes available.

Group Updates /  
Announcements  
*All*

- The Injury Community Planning Group is looking at the "10 winnable battles". Possible overlaps include suicide prevention and motor vehicle deaths. This item was an update with no action requested or taken.
- Poison death report for Colorado appears abnormally high. The information was considered concerning enough to request that Sean connect with the reporting entity to obtain additional information for the group to review at the next meeting.
- There appears to be a developing concern regarding the use of ketamine for excited delirium in pediatric patients as the patient has similar symptoms to those of THC overdose. This item was an update with no action requested or taken.
- Sean is participating in a panel discussion on integrating state data into education and research at EMS for Children National Meeting in late July.

**Next meeting**  
*Christine Darr*

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 1, 2014 to be held in Grand Junction, Colorado.

**Adjournment**  
*Christine Darr*

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.