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Pediatric Emergency Care Committee Meeting Minutes October 23, 2013

Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main St, Pueblo, CO 81003 – Grand Hall West

PECC Members Present:

(X) Christine Darr	() Audrey Jennings	(X) Sean Caffrey
(X) Jason Blumen	() Jim Richardson	() Rich Martin
(X) Lara Rappaport	() Vicky Cassebaum	(X) Mike Archuleta
(X) Ali Braun	(X) Kathleen Adelgais	(X) Emma Watt
		() Grace Sandeno

Others Present:

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse	Adam Gorra	Stephanie Eveatt
Art Kanowitz	Linda Joseph	Brandon Chambers
Jason Kotas	Melody Mesmer	Janelle Webb
Elizabeth Spradlen	Rick Hartley	

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Darr and Seconded by Blumen. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Jeanne Marie Bakehouse provided the EMTS Section update. Marschall Smith recently joined the section as the Professional Standards Manager. Marschall joins the section after a number of years managing the Colorado Board of Medicine. Randy Kuykendall was also recently named as the permanent Director of the Health Facilities and EMS Division. A number of EMPAC appointments were also made by Governor's Office including Mr. Tom Candlin, Dr. Deanna Hearne, Dr. Kevin Weber and Dr. Kevin McVaney.

Dr. Kanowitz updated the group on the current status of the Critical Care Endorsement project. The task force is on schedule to develop recommendations to be presented to the EMPAC and SEMTAC in early 2014. The task force will recommend the use of the Board of Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification examination as the basis for the endorsement. Scope of practice and certification recommendations are expected to be forthcoming shortly with the endorsement to be active later in 2014.

Sean Caffrey updated the group on the mobile simulation lab including pictures including pictures of the trailer. Work is pending on the AV system pending the release of carryover funding by CDPHE. A description of the trailer will be added to the website and a fee for use is being developed. Significant discussion followed. The trailer will be on display at the Colorado State EMS Conference in Keystone.

Sean also updated the group on the remaining projects anticipated with carryover funding. The total amount was approximately \$89,000 with approximately \$45,000 designated for additional simulation trailer outfitting. \$5000 will be issued to Denver Health for a pediatric and critical care conference and webinar. \$3,500 will be issued to Children's Hospital for scholarships to its annual EMS conference. \$4000 will be used for the EMSC Strategic Planning Summit. Conversations are also ongoing with the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children regarding a sports concussion outreach

event on the Eastern Plains. Approximately \$2500 will also be awarded to St. Anthony's EMS Program for PEPP Instructor materials. Additional funding will be used to cover ongoing website development and some adjustments in the UCD contract. It is unclear how many projects will be completed by the 2/28/14 Deadline, so some carryover to the next cycle is anticipated.

The first meeting of the Colorado Prehospital Pediatric Quality Council (CPPQC or "Cupcake") is scheduled for Wednesday November 13th at 11:00 am at the Children's Hospital Colorado Conference Center. The purpose of the group will be to discuss pediatric clinical care issues in EMS and develop quality improvement strategies. Any interested stakeholders are welcome to attend and Lunch will be served. The CPPQC plans to meet quarterly on the second Tuesday of February, May, August and November which is the Tuesday following each EMPAC meeting. CPPQC info will be posted to www.emsccolorado.org

Emma Watt discussed her recent connection to the Colorado Parent to Parent association which serves as an advocacy group for parents with special needs children. Further discussion also ensued regarding how to make progress on the topic of improving EMS provider access to medical information regarding children with special healthcare needs. Emma and Sean will work on setting up a task force for this topic and Sean will also pursue opportunities for EMS record integration to Health Information Exchanges with the CDPHE data team.

The Statewide EMS Assessment is scheduled to begin in Colorado shortly after November 1st. Approximately 185 transporting EMS agencies will be surveyed regarding equipment carried on the ambulances and medical control practices. The survey will be available online at www.emscsurveys.org. An 80% response rate is required by the federal EMSC program. A variety of letters and emails will be sent out during the process. The survey will close in late January 2014.

Dr. Adelgais updated the group on two Colorado-based pediatric EMS research projects that will be presented at the upcoming NAEMSP conference in January 2014. One poster presentation will be regarding EMS provider beliefs surrounding vital sign acquisition done by Dr. Adelgais. The other will be a report on the Broselow v. Hantevy length-based care systems being conducted by Dr. Rappaport.

The Colorado EMS for Children Program Strategic Planning Summit will be held Thursday and Friday February 27 and 28th 2014. The purpose of the meeting will be to update the EMSC strategic plan and develop a work plan for the EMSC group through 2017. The meetings will be held at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Please save those dates with more details to follow.

Dr. Adelgais gave a brief update on the national EMS Evidenced-Based Guidelines project. A number of pediatric guidelines have been or are being developed, mostly through the work of Dr. Minish Shah at Baylor Children's Hospital. Guidelines are currently being developed on pediatric pain management, seizures and respiratory distress. Dr. Adelgais will keep the group updated in this project.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 29, 2014 – 1:30 – 3:00pm – CDPHE