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## Pediatric Emergency Care Committee Draft Meeting Agenda April 25th, 2013

### Location

Conference Room **C1D**, Building C, First Floor, CDPHE

### Time

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **1:30 p.m.**

#### **Members Present**

Christine Darr  
Jason Blumen  
Mike Archuleta

Emma Watt  
Grace Sandeno

Ali Braun  
Lara Rappaport

#### Staff & Others

Elizabeth Spratlin  
Sean Caffrey  
Tom Candlin

Rob Handley  
Christopher Metsgar  
Kathleen Adelgais

Michelle Galles  
Kris Hansen

#### **Approval of previous meeting minutes – Chair**

The February 28, 2013 Minutes were approved as presented.

#### **CDPHE Update- Sandeno**

Grace Sandeno updated the group on a number of staff changes underway at CDPHE. A new investigator, Alison Sleight, had recently been hired by the section. A number of other positions were also in the process of being replaced including a statistical analyst, regulatory supervisor, and Sean's previous system development position.

Changes to the EMS Practice Rules 6 CCR 1015-3, Chapter 2, were adopted by the Chief Medical Officer of the department and will become effective on June, 14, 2013. Meetings regarding trauma center volume criteria were also ongoing with a Level 2 task group also expected to begin work soon.

HB 13-1063 also recently passed the legislature regarding the creation of a critical care paramedic endorsement that must be developed by August of 2014.

#### **EMSC Ongoing Projects**

Sean Caffrey reported that the EMS for Children program was in the process of closing out the state partnership grant period ending on 2/28/13. A number of projects, especially those using carryover funds were not able to be completed by the 2/28 deadline. As such, it was anticipated that an additional request would be submitted that would likely request between \$70,000 – \$90,000 in carryover funds. Additionally, the new 3 year state partnership grant award had been received by CDPHE for \$130,000 annually. A slight \$20,000 reduction was noted for the current cycle due to a continuing resolution issue at the federal level. We have received assurances from federal program staff that the funding would be increased to the original level shortly.

Sean also reported that the acquisition of a pediatric mobile simulation training laboratory was well underway and expected to be substantially complete by the end of June. Outfitting of the lab was expected to occur over the summer and the University of Colorado would be working on a business model to deploy the trailer. Some discussion ensued regarding appropriate elements of that model. Sean and Dr. Adalgais indicated additional updates would be forthcoming as no plans had yet been developed.

An update regarding the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment was also provided. Currently the Colorado cohort was approaching a 50% response rate. Various members discussed methods and volunteers to reach out to hospitals that had not yet responded. The assessment was scheduled to close for Colorado on 5/10/13. Some national data results were also reviewed indicating a likely improvement in readiness between 2003 and 2013. Results can be viewed at [www.pedsready.org](http://www.pedsready.org).

The group discussed updates to the strategic plan that would likely occur later in the year after carryover funds were authorized. A one-day retreat will be planned later in the upcoming grant cycle..

### **New Business / Announcements**

Emma Watt reviewed her desire to develop an effective system to allow EMS providers to access medical records of children with special health care needs. Substantial discussion ensued regarding what options might exist in this area. Sean will facilitate putting together a task force chaired by Emma that would further explore this issue. Sean will also check with [the CDPHE Special Health Care Needs](#) program for coordination opportunities.

Dr. Adalgais also updated the group on the national project sponsored by the state EMS officials to develop evidence-based practice guidelines. An update on that project can be found at: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/811643.pdf>. The group further discussed putting together another subgroup to explore clinical issues such as clinical guidelines and model protocols.

Finally, the group discussed relocating the June meeting to the Rocky Mountain Trauma Conference to be held in Breckenridge at the Beaver Run Resort. Sean will work on those arrangements.

**Next Meeting – June 27th, 2013**