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Pediatric Emergency Care Committee Draft Meeting Agenda February 28th, 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

Audrey Jennings
Vicky Cassebaum

Lara Rappaport
Ali Braun

Staff & Others

Elizabeth Spratlin
Sean Caffrey

Jeanne-Mare Bakehouse
Grace Sandeno

Tom Candlin
Jeff Zaffino

1:35 p.m.

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Chair

Joe Darmofal was having difficulty locating the October minutes. This item will be added to the April 2013 agenda.

1:40 p.m.

CDPHE Update- Reese

- Staff Update
- EMS Chapter 2 Rule Update
- Critical Care Legislation

Sean Caffrey and Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse updated the group on various staffing changes in progress with the EMTS section. Two new EMS certification technicians, Adreanna Early and Andre Smith have joined the section. Jesse Hawke has recently left the data group. Hiring was expected soon for an EMTS investigator. Tamara Hoxworth was recently appointed as the combined HFEMSD data program manager.

Sean reviewed the proposed changes in progress for the EMS Practice Rules 6 CCR 1015-3, Chapter 2. A number of changes and updates have been recommended and can be reviewed at www.coems.info under the EMS tab. Comments are welcome and may be directed to Joni.Briola@state.co.us. The group discussed the best way to provide guidance on procedures may apply differently based on age (i.e. surgical cricothyrotomy). Development of future guidance documents on pediatric issues for EMS and EMS Medical Directors was discussed.

HB 13-1063 to direct the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to develop a paramedic critical care endorsement is proceeding through the legislature and is expected to pass both houses of the legislature shortly.

1:45 p.m.

EMSC Ongoing Projects –

- EMSC Coordinator - *Rappaport*
- Update on EMSC Grant Status – *Caffrey*
- Mobile Simulation Lab Progress – *Rappaport*
- Overview of CDPHE Grant Programs – *Bakehouse*
- Medical Information Bracelets – *Watt*
- Update of EMS Strategic Plan – *Group*

Dr. Rappaport announced that Sean Caffrey has accepted the EMSC Coordinator position with the University of Colorado and will start on 4/1/2013.

Sean Caffrey indicated that no grant award has yet been received from HRSA for the new EMSC State Partnership Grant cycle that begins 3/1/2013. Late notice is not uncommon for this program. There has been no indication that the current federal spending sequestration issue would affect EMSC. The group will be advised when the award is received.

Dr. Rappaport updated the group on the pediatric mobile simulation lab trailer. The project is well under way with equipment purchases and trailer design. The lab is expected to have a number of cool features and the University of Colorado looks forward to working with the PECC members to roll out the simulation lab.

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse provided an overview of current EMTS grant programs. There are 4 grants available:

1. Emergency grants:
 - Available for a sudden EMS need
 - Grant applications are submitted throughout the year
 - Awarded on an as needed basis.
2. CREATE grants:
 - Available for provider education
 - Grant applications are submitted throughout the year.
3. System improvement grants are:
 - Available for statewide and regional projects
 - Grant applications are submitted mid-December to mid-February.
 - Reviewed at the April SEMTAC meeting.
4. Provider grants:
 - Available for equipment, vehicles, injury prevention, personnel and services.
 - Grant applications are submitted mid-December to mid-February.

More info can be found at www.coems.info and <http://www.coruralhealth.org/programs/create>.

Emma Watt was unable to make the meeting. The medical information bracelets item will be continued until April.

The group discussed updates to the strategic plan. A one-day retreat will be planned later in the upcoming grant cycle. Members will explore potential meeting locations for August of 2013.

3:00 p.m.

New Business / Announcements

- Peds Ready Assessment – *Darr / Rappaport / Caffrey*
- Website Design / Functionality – *Rappaport*
- AED Regulations - *Caffrey*
- Group Updates / Announcements

Drs. Darr and Rappaport updated the group on the ongoing Pediatric emergency department readiness assessment. Sean Caffrey updated the group on the limited progress to date. Additional discussion

ensued amongst the PECC regarding steps that could be taken to encourage responses. The assessment is available at www.pedsready.org.

Dr. Rappaport introduced Jeff Zaffino who is an EMS provider that UCD has contracted with to update the www.emscolorado.org website. Jeff discussed the update strategy and the group provided feedback for improved web design. Web site issues will be added as a standing agenda item moving forward.

Sean Caffrey reviewed the existing AED statutes and the regulatory history around AED units. There are some liability protections available for AED programs meeting certain criteria. CDPHE no longer registers AEDs or tracks AED programs. A handout is available from CDPHE regarding the AED statutes.

Jason Blumen updated the group on the successful American College of Surgeons site review of Denver Health as a pediatric Level 2 trauma facility.
Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting – April 25th, 2013