

**EMSC Advisory Committee Minutes**, Monday, 5/3/2021, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, conducted virtually via Zoom platform

**Core Members Present:** Sam Vance, Sally Snow, Brian Bassham, Roy Hunter, Joe Schmider, Greta James-Maxfield, Mark Sparkman, Kate Remick, Mattie Mendoza, David Miramontes

Desired Outcomes:

- Introduce new members of the EAC
- Verify ad hoc members
- List results of the EMS Assessment
- List next steps in the NPRP Assessment
- Discuss nominations for the EMSC Crew of the Year Award
- Discuss EMS Week and any planned activities
- List next steps for the FANs
- Determine new members of the EMS Recognition Program Workgroup and next steps
- List next steps in the Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Program (VPRP)
- Determine new members for the PECC workgroup and next steps
- List next steps for participation in the EMS Conference
- Make EAC aware of EMSC logo change
- Determine meeting date/month for virtual workshop

What	How	Who	Time
Introductions	Welcome and introductions Verify ad hoc members	All	10 minutes <b>11:00 – 11:10</b>
Minutes	Approve minutes from 4/5/21 meeting	EAC Core Members	5 minutes <b>11:10 – 11:15</b>
EMS Assessment	Report on the results of the EMS Assessment	Sam Vance/Autumn Leclair	5 minutes <b>11:15 – 11:20</b>
NPRP Assessment	Discuss the NPRP Assessment and next steps	Sam Vance/Dr. Remick	10 minutes <b>11:20 – 11:30</b>
EMSC Crew of the Year Award/EMS Week	May 16 – 22/EMSC Day May 19 Discuss nominations and the virtual presentation Discuss planned activities	Sam Vance/All	5 minutes <b>11:30 – 11:35</b>
FANs	Update on work being performed by the FAN network. Determine next steps	Dr. Bassham/Angela Nelson	10 minutes <b>11:35 – 11:45</b>
EMS Recognition Program	Update on work being performed and nominate new members to workgroup. Determine next steps	Sam Vance	10 minutes <b>11:45 – 11:55</b>
Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Program (VPRP)	Update on work being performed by the VPRP Workgroup. Determine next steps	Sam Vance/Sally Snow/Dr. Remick	10 minutes <b>11:55 – 12:05</b>
Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC)	Nominate new members of the PECC workgroup. Determine next steps	Sam Vance	5 minutes <b>12:05 – 12:10</b>

EMS Conference	Discuss participation in the EMS Conference and next steps	Sam Vance/All	5 minutes <b>12:10 – 12:15</b>
EMSC Logo	Discuss EMSC Logo change and next steps to address those changes	Sam Vance/Dr. Remick	5 minutes <b>12:15 – 12:20</b>
Next meeting	Discuss the next meeting and month for virtual workshop	Sam Vance/All	5 minutes <b>12:20 – 12:25</b>
Meeting Wrap Up	Other items for discussion as brought forward by the EAC	All	5 minutes <b>12:25 – 12:30</b>

**Highlighted areas are ACTION ITEMS.**

### Welcome and Introductions

- New Program Manager: Sam Vance. Sam previously served in this role from 2013 – 2016. Most recently he served as the Bureau Chief of EMS, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- Autumn Leclair: Served in a temporary position to assist with the EMS Assessment and gathering of hospital information for the upcoming NPRP assessment. Autumn’s time ended March 31 with the end of Year 2 of the grant period. Autumn has agreed to continue with the State Partnership as a FAN Rep. Autumn has done a great job in the interim and was thanked for her service and the great job that she did.
- New FAN Rep. Greta James-Maxfield with TX P2P
  - Sherry Santa left TX P2P in April 2020
  - Angela Nelson with P2P will be staying on as a FAN rep.
- Sam went over the eight core members of the EAC and how these roles are mandatory per HRSA performance measure (PM) 08. Per the EAC bylaws, these eight core members are the voting members of the EAC.
- Per PM 08 we can have as many ad hoc members as we would like. There are recommended positions that we fill per PM 08 and we do a pretty job of filling those. Per our bylaws, the ad hoc members are non-voting members. Any representative of any organization are always welcome to participate and provide feedback and input.
- Sam asked if there were any representatives present from the Texas Pediatric Society (TPS) or the Texas EMS Trauma Acute Care Foundation (TETAF). There were no responses.

### Minutes

- The EAC Core members met April 5, 2021. This was an opportunity for Sam and the EAC to get acquainted/reacquainted and caught up on the current state of the program.
- Minutes from this meeting were approved as corrected. Motion: Dr. Bassham. Seconded: Sally Snow.

### EMS Assessment

- Began: January 6, 2021
- Ended: March 31, 2021
- National Response Rate: 45%
- Texas Response Rate: 17.9% (127/711)
- Sam thanked Autumn Leclair for her help with the assessment. Autumn was hired temporarily specifically to help with this assessment. With the short amount of time she had to learn all of the EMS assessment material and the process, she did a really good job.
- Many states had low response rates. Some reasons given were:
  - Survey fatigue
  - Too busy with COVID-19 response

- If I don't have to do it, I'm not going to
  - Unless there's state or federal funding attached to it, I'm not wasting my time taking it
- NEDARC stated they will be sending communication in a couple of weeks regarding the results and any reports they may be producing. They're also considering combining the data from the last three assessments.
  - NEDARC stated that they are no longer conducting sampling surveys – per HRSA
  - Texas has the top number of EMS agencies in the country
- While 17.9% isn't statistically significant for statewide data, we do have some counties where the data could be useful.
- Joe Schmider stated the Office of EMS has an updated database of EMS agencies on their webpage. It currently has the email address of approximately 80% of all agencies. This will be useful for contacting agencies for the next assessment.
- Dr. Remick suggested sending information to the responding agencies on the following items:
  - PECC Workforce Collaborative
  - National EMS Assessment 2024
  - EMS Toolkit – which is now live
- Sam will send this information to the EMS agencies that responded to the assessment

#### **NPRP Assessment**

- Dr. Remick, Co-Director of the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP), presented an update on the NPRP Assessment.
- The assessment launches May 1 and continues through May 31. This is the same assessment that was conducted in 2013. The 2021 assessment was postponed from 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The project is conducted in coordination with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).
- There are a total of 5,121 hospitals nationwide participating in the assessment
  - Texas is assessing 539 hospitals, the most of any state (10.5% of the total)
  - The next closest state total is California at 333. Then Florida at 254
- The National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) is conducting the majority of communications with hospital, with EMSC program managers primarily responsible for follow up phone calls with non-responding EDs.
  - NEDARC has updated the NPRP website with the National and State Response Rates and a Wiki for FAQs about the NPRP project, assessment, and instrument questions.
  - EMSC managers are able to access real-time state response rates and non-respondent information in Tableau dashboards.
- Once an ED manager submits their responses to the assessment, they will receive immediate feedback on the pediatric readiness of their ED through a gap report.
- Following the close of the assessment on July 31, state level summary data, comparison to national data, and individual ED reports will be made available to EMSC managers.

#### **EMS Week/EMSC Crew of the Year Award**

- EMS Week 2021 is May 16 – 22 and Wednesday, May 19 is EMS for Children Day.
- Nominations for EMSC Crew of the Year Award were due April 30
  - EAC core members are to review the nominations May 3 – 5
  - The winner of the award will be notified May 7
  - The presentation will be conducted virtually May 19
    - Joe Schmider stated he will be available to speak.

- If you are available, please join us
  - Sam will send login information will be sent in the next week.
- Sam has sent EMS Week materials developed by NEDARC and the EIC to the listerv.

#### **FANs**

- Greta James-Maxfield has been added as a new FAN representative. Greta works with Texas Parent to Parent and will be taking over for Sherry Santa
- Autumn Leclair has volunteered to continue working with the State Partnership in the capacity of a FAN rep.
- Sam asked Dr. Bassham if he was able to speak to any efforts that the FAN reps have been working on and/or their work plan.
  - Dr. Bassham does not have a familiarity with the work plan and suggested further investigation into former program manager Fatma Diouf's archived records.
- Sam asked if one of the FAN reps would like to take the lead of this group. There was no response at this time.
- Sam will be contacting the FAN reps to schedule a meeting to discuss future efforts.
- Greta made the group aware of House Bill 3673 that is related to the development of a sickle cell pain management emergency services registry. The group all felt that this was a good idea and worthy of our support.
  - Dr. Miramontes discussed the possibility of the state creating a registry for children with special healthcare needs to integrate SMART 911 technology.

#### **Pediatric EMS Recognition Program**

- There are currently eight EMS agencies that are currently recognized
  - Seven agencies recognition have expired
  - Six agencies with no information available
- Sam stated that he is developing a workgroup to review and revise the EMS Recognition Program to be based on the prehospital pediatric readiness in EMS publication, the Prehospital Readiness Project (PPRP) toolkit and resources, and Performance Measures 02 and 03.
  - Volunteers for this work group are:
    - Dr. Bassham
    - Dr. Miramontes
    - Joe Schmider
    - Mattie Mendoza
    - Greta Maxfield
    - Kate Remick
  - Sam will contact the group to schedule a meeting to begin work on the revision
- Sam conducted a virtual inspection of the Prosper Fire-Rescue Department on April 26. They have passed all current requirements for recognition.
- Sam has received applications from the Sachse FD and UMC EMS in Lubbock.

#### **Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Program (VPRP)**

- Sally provided an update on work that has been conducted by the VPRP workgroup.
- One assessment has been completed at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.
- Dr. Iyer with Ascension Seton, Hays has submitted their application.
  - Sam has completed their application review and returned with several areas that are missing or incomplete.
- Sam has been in contact with Dr. David Bank who is the Medical Director of Victoria Emergency Medicine Partners, who provide emergency medicine doctors for several different hospitals. He

has submitted the application for recognition of Val Verde Regional Medical Center and he would like to help bring the recognition to their other hospitals located in Uvalde and San Marcos.

- Jorie Klein, Director of Texas EMS and Trauma Services, mentioned in a previous GETAC meeting that consideration is being given to requiring hospitals to be recognized as pediatric ready in the next revision of the state trauma regulations.
- Pediatric Readiness is being strongly considered as a requirement in the next revision of the ACS COT trauma leveling requirements.
- There will be a meeting of the VPRP Workgroup May 11 at 11 AM. Members of the workgroup are:
  - Dr. Remick
  - Sally Snow
  - Joe Schmider
  - Belinda Waters
  - Dr. Ian Mitchell
  - Mattie Mendoza

#### **Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)**

- Sam would like to develop a workgroup to develop education, training, other resources, and marketing to increase the number of PECCs in EMS to help meet the requirements of PM 02.
- Sam asked for volunteers. Volunteers are:
  - Dr. Bassham
  - Wendell Wiley
  - Greta James-Maxfield
  - Dr. Jendi Haug
- Sam will obtain everyone's availability and will schedule a meeting.
- The suggestion was made to reach out to PECCs identified from the EMS Assessment for their involvement. Dr. Bassham stated they had tried that previously and only had two responses.
- Dr. Remick mentioned the new PECC Workforce Development Collaborative that begins September 1. The collaborative is intended to support PECCs in becoming effective pediatric champions. Enrollment is currently open for prehospital and hospital PECCs and EMSC Program Managers.
- Dr. Remick is currently working with Dr. Brent Kaziny to develop a PECC workshop for hospital and prehospital PECCs in Texas. They're hoping to pilot the program in RAC Q (SETRAC) in late fall. They're still working on the development of the program.
  - Sam stated this would be good as a preconference workshop for next year's EMS conference.

#### **EMS Conference**

- The Texas EMS Conference is Nov. 21-24
- The call for presentations is closed. However, Joe Schmider stated that since it just closed, they will still take last minute submissions. Sam will obtain information from Joe on who to contact if you would like to submit.
- The exhibit hall is open Nov. 21-22. Sam is going to register for a booth as soon as Baylor College of Medicine lifts travel restrictions. As the booth is a full time job, Sam asked for volunteers to help. No volunteers were received at this time.

#### **EMSC Logo**

- HRSA has developed a new EMSC logo, as they would like to increase visibility of the program with uniform and updated branding.
- States will no longer be able to use their own logo as of the end of calendar year 2021.
  - States are asked to develop a transition plan

- Budget accordingly
  - We will not be purchasing any new decals or other materials until the new state logo is unveiled.
- Sam presented a draft of what the state logos may look like. All comments were negative, to include: it looks bland, boring, ugly, what you would expect from a federal government logo.
- Sam mentioned that most state program managers are not happy with this, as many have put considerable time, money and effort into developing their state logos. That includes us in Texas.
  - Joe suggested we contact the girl who won the logo drawing contest a few years ago and let her know the logo is changing. **Sam will get her contact information and will notify her.**

#### **Next Meeting**

- Normally, our next meeting would be in August. In the past, we have conducted a day long workshop to be able to devote more time to projects, have an educational component, and/or develop ideas for the next grant period. The core members voted in our April meeting to continue with these yearly workshops.
- The end of August is the EMSC All Grantee meeting. The suggestion was made that we move to mid to late September. At this time, we will plan on the meeting to be conducted virtually.
- The suggestion was made to have the meeting mid-September so we could receive updates from the All Grantee meeting.
- The suggestion was made to have the meeting on two separate mornings to accommodate people's schedules and short attention spans.
- **Sam will contact the core members to obtain their availability. Once obtained, he will schedule the meeting.**

#### **Meeting Wrap Up**

- No other items were brought forward from the group for discussion.
- Sam mentioned that the trauma regulations are beginning review, and feels we should have pediatric representation at those meetings. He will try to attend as many as possible.
  - Joe stated the Stoke regulations are currently being reviewed and trauma is next.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

- 12:25 PM CST

**NEXT MEETING: Virtual Workshop in September, 2021**