**EMSC Advisory Committee Minutes,** Friday, 3/3/2023, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm CST**,** conducted virtually via Zoom platform

**Core Members Present (in-person):** Sam Vance, Sally Snow, Mark Sparkman MD, Greta James-Maxfield, Kathryn Kothari MD, Kate Remick MD, Lisa Treleaven

**Core Members Absent:** Joe Schmider, Roy Hunter, Michelle Schwake, Rachel Goodman

**Others Present (in-person):** Mattie Mendoza (DSHS), Ronna Miller, MD (UTSW), Richard Strohacker (Pflugerville FD), Eddie Burleigh (Acadian Ambulance), Cheyanne (last name unknown, Hamilton EMS), Brenna McLain (NCTTRAC), Stacy P. (affiliation unknown), Amy Tucker (Parkland Health), Keith Kerr, MD (Dell Children’s), Eddie Winslow (BSW), Maureen Disbot (BSW), Jim Dickerson (NCTTRAC), Brenda Taylor (Yoakum FD)

**Desired Outcomes:**

* Receive an update on the State Partnership Grant renewal
* Receive an update on the 2023 EMS Survey results
* Receive an update on from the FAN reps. and the work they are doing
* Receive an update on several State Partnership projects and ways you can get involved
* Receive an update on several EIIC projects and ways you can get involved
* Receive an update on the 2023-2037 Work Plan and ways you can get involved

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| **March 3, 2023**  **1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** | | | |
| **What** | **How** | **Who** | **Time** |
| Introductions | Welcome and Roll Call | Sam Vance/ All | 10 minutes  **1:00 – 1:10** |
| Notice of Award | Update on the State Partnership Grant Notice of Award | Sam Vance | 5 minutes  **1:10 – 1:15** |
| 2023 EMS Survey | Update on the 2023 EMS Survey results | Sam Vance | 5 minutes  **1:15 – 1:20** |
| FAN Update | Update on the FAN and work they are doing | Sam Vance/FAN Reps. | 5 minutes  **1:20 – 1:25** |
| State Partnership Project Updates | Update on the following State Partnership projects:   * Crew of the Year Award/EMSC Day * EMS Recognition Program * NPRP * VPRP | Sam Vance/Dr. Kothari | 15 minutes  **1:25 – 1:40** |
| EIIC Project Updates | Update on the following EIIC projects:   * ED Stop Collaborative * Peds Ready Recognition Collaborative * PRQC * PEAK | Dr. Remick | 15 minutes  **1:40 – 1:55** |

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| 2023 – 2027 Work Plan | Update on the State Partnership Work Plan for the next 4-year grant cycle | Sam Vance/Dr. Kothari | 30 minutes  **1:55 – 2:25** |
| Meeting Wrap Up | Any further items for discussion and action items | Sam Vance/All | 5 minutes  **2:25 – 2:30** |

**Highlighted areas are ACTION ITEMS.**

**Introductions**

* Sam Vance conducted roll call of the EAC core members and welcomed new FAN representatives Michelle Schwake and Rachel Goodman.
* Others present were asked to introduce themselves and what organization they represent.

**EMSC Notice of Award**

* April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2027
* Application was due to HRSA Nov. 7. We submitted on Nov. 4
* NOA will be released on or around April 1, 2023
* New performance measures to be published, approximately April 2023
  + Facility recognition program
    - Establishing peds recognition program for EDs
    - ED PECCs
    - Ensuring they weigh and record in Kgs
  + EMS Recognition program
    - Establishing recognition program for EMS
    - EMS PECCs
    - Process for peds skills check
  + Peds Disaster readiness in ED and EMS
    - Ensure disaster plans address needs of children
  + Family partnership and leadership
    - Prioritize family partnership and leadership
    - Including and engaging FAN Rep. on the EAC
* These are all things we have in place. We just need to work on expanding our reach and implementation.

**2023 EMSC Survey**

* The 2023 EMS Survey launches Jan. 4, 2023 and ends March 31.
* This data is reported to HRSA every year for congressional justification.
* Measure the degree to which state/territories have ensured the operational capacity to provide pediatric emergency care by assessing the percentage of EMS agencies that have:
  + Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) – PM 02
  + Use of Pediatric Specific Equipment – PM 03
  + Measure how we are doing over time by looking at Performance Measure trends from 2017 through 2023
* Texas response rate as of this morning is 17%
* The 2024 Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) will launch a nationwide assessment of EMS agencies in the first quarter of 2024.
  + Like the NPRP Assessment, participating EMS agencies will receive a gap analysis report comparing their agency score to similarly sized agencies across the country
  + We will be providing more information regarding this assessment throughout 2023 to GETAC, affiliated committees, EMS agencies, and their medical directors.

**FAN Update**

* We met with the FANs on Feb. 14 to go over our FAN plan for the next 4-years. We’re also going to start having monthly FAN meetings to be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 9am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29.
* FAN Work Plan
  + Expand the FAN network to include a member from at least 40% of the 22 regions of the state by 2027.
    - Expanding the network across the state will address the needs of all children and families in Texas.
  + Continue integration of FAN representatives with at least 75% attendance in VPRP and the EMS recognition program planning meetings to advocate for patient and family centered care through 2027.
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    - Continue integrating FAN representatives and their children into the Assessment and Management of CYSHCN course through 2027.
    - Having the parents and their children involved with the Assessment and Management of CYSHCN course will provide EMS personnel with education on the challenges and misperceptions of these patients from their unique perspective.
  + Determine a FAN project that supports one of the 4 goals, objectives, and priorities of the EMSC program

**State Partnership Project Updates**

* EMS Recognition Program
  + Victoria FD assessment Feb. 21. Did Great!
    - The VFD is the first EMS agency to complete the recognition process using the revised application standards.
    - Sam presented the results of the VFD Final Consultation Report.
    - After discussion, motion was made and seconded to award the VFD with recognition.
  + District 7 submitted their application packet. Have a few areas that need to be addressed.
  + Received application from El Camp EMS on 2/17. Awaiting their completed application packet
  + Received application from Helotes FD yesterday and spoke with one of their PECCs this morning regarding some of their policies and protocols – Dr. Sparkman
  + Air Medical and Specialty Transport Committee completed their list of pediatric equipment for rotor aircraft. No changes suggested from the work group. Will begin incorporating into the recognition program.
    - Per the EIIC, Texas is the first state in the country to incorporate air medical providers in the EMS recognition programs.
* Crew of the Year Award
  + EMS Week is May 21 – 27. EMSC Day is May 24
  + No one knows that Wednesday of EMS Week is EMSC Day
    - Sam has been conducting an informal poll of EMS personnel at different conferences and speaking engagements if they’re aware of EMSC Day. Very few people are aware.
    - Sam will also be asking this question at the upcoming GETAC meetings
    - How do we do better at informing people of EMSC Day?
      * Suggestions made
        + Coordinate through the RACs.
        + Notify TXENA, TCEP, TXNAEMSP, as well as other organizations to help advertise.
        + Link DSHS to the EMSC Website – Sam to send Mattie the link
  + This award is granted to an EMS crew or station who has displayed outstanding care for a child in an emergency medical or trauma event, demonstrated exceptional effort in the development of pediatric training or quality improvement programs, or was instrumental in planning and conducting creative injury prevention programs
  + We currently have 10 nominations
  + Nominations will be taken through April 15
  + I’ll redact any identifying information and send to you for your vote. April 17 – 21
  + The winner will be notified April 28.
* NPRP Assessment
  + Currently in the QI phase. Texas has had more hospitals than all other states complete the assessment during this time.
  + 60 as of the last report received on 1/27/23. However, there are several who have completed the assessment more than once.
  + The manuscript with the assessment results has been presented to HRSA for review. After that, it will be submitted to a journal for publication. Then a national summary report will be published.
    - Per Dr. Remick, HRSA has completed their review and has returned to the authors for minor edits.
    - The goal is to have the results published in a journal article by June 2023.
* VPRP
  + Working on our consulting agreement with Sally in anticipation of receiving our NoA.
  + Need to work on renewal reassessment process, as Christus Mother Frances is ready to renew.
  + Updating with a separate section for rural and CAH’s.
  + The suggestion was made to include the new trauma rules as recognition criteria.
    - The new rules are projected to be adopted by June 2024 and effective November 2024.
    - It was suggested to contact TETAF about providing them with an aggregate report of trauma centers that have and have not completed the 2021 NPRP assessment.
      * Sam will speak with Dinah Welsh, Director of TETAF, regarding this list.

**EIIC Project Updates**

* ED Stop Collaborative (Emergency Department Screening and Treatment Options for Pediatric Suicide Quality Improvement Collaborative
  + This quality improvement (QI) collaborative began in February 2023 and runs through November.
  + The purpose of the ED STOP Suicide QI collaborative is to bring together ED-based teams from across the nation with experts in pediatric mental health to exchange evidence-based best practices and optimize the care and follow-up of children and adolescents presenting with acute suicidality.
    - HRSA Critical Crossroads: Pediatric Mental Health Care in the Emergency Department. This document contains literature that can be used by hospitals to support the creation of care pathways to improve the identification and management of children and adolescents who present to the ED in a mental health crisis.
    - PEAK: Suicide and Agitation modules
  + 89 total facilities across the country involved
  + 7 from Texas
    - El Paso Children's Hospital
    - Medical City Alliance, Fort Worth
    - Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth
    - Texas Children's Hospital The Woodlands
    - Titus Regional Medical Center, Mount Pleasant
    - Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine
    - Hunt Regional Medical Center – Greenville
* Peds Ready Recognition Program Collaborative
  + This will be for SP programs who are wanting to develop or enhance their EMS and/or facility recognition programs.
  + Tentatively scheduled to begin in Sept. 2023 at the HRSA EMSC All Grantee meeting to be held in Austin.
    - Sept. 11 – 14, 2023. All are invited to attend.
* Peds Ready Quality Collaborative (PRQC)
  + This QI collaborative will expand on the work done in the original PRQC, which ran from April 2018 – June 2020. The new PRQC collaborative will continue efforts to accelerate emergency department (ED) pediatric readiness by empowering emergency providers and professionals to implement evidence-based QI strategies. It will focus on the following topic areas: pediatric patient safety, pediatric assessment and reassessment, pain management, and suicide.
  + The collaborative is open to ED-based teams of at least one individual. While teams must be ED-based, they can include professionals from other areas of the hospital and prehospital practitioners. The collaborative is anticipated to run beginning in late spring/early summer and continue for 12-18 months. Registration is expected to open in March 2023. All EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center QI Collaboratives are free to participants.
    - You can go to the EIIC website to sign up for notification when registration launches and find more information.
    - For more information visit: https://emscimprovement.center/news/pediatric-readiness-quality-collaborative-ramps-up/
* Pediatric Education and Advocacy Kit (PEAK)
  + Pediatric Education and Advocacy Kits (PEAKs) are collections of best practice educational resources designed to empower providers across the disciplines, as well as families, advocates, and other stakeholders, to deliver the highest quality of care and support to children in emergency settings.
  + PEAKs include a variety of resource types and formats, from bottom-line recommendations and learning modules to podcasts and webinars. PEAK resources are organized by audience type (clinicians; nurses; prehospital practitioners; and patients and families) to help users easily find what they need. All resources included in PEAKs are free and open access.
  + For more information visit: https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/peak/

**2023 – 2027 Work Plan:** see accompanying power point for more detailed information on bulleted points

* Aim 1: Hospital Pediatric Readiness
  + To improve structural readiness of EDs to equip them to meet the healthcare needs of children.
* Aim 2: Prehospital Pediatric Readiness
  + To improve structural readiness of EMS agencies to equip them to meet the healthcare needs of children.
* Aim 3: Pediatric Disaster Preparedness
  + Increase pediatric disaster readiness in hospital EDs and prehospital EMS agencies by ensuring that disaster plans address the needs of children.
* Aim 4: Family Partnership and Leadership
  + Engage the FANs as partners in EMSC to ensure patient and family perspectives are integrated into program efforts.
* Aim 5: EMSC Permanence
  + To establish permanence of EMS in the Texas health care system.

**Meeting Wrap Up**

* GETAC and its subcommittees have been asked to review and provide comment on Dr. Mary Fallat, et. al., *Status of Pediatric Trauma System Development in the United States.* The objective of this study was “to develop objective measures of pediatric trauma system capability at the state level, hypothesizing significant variation in capabilities between states, and to provide a contemporary report on the status of national pediatric trauma system planning and development.”
  + The Pediatric Trauma System Assessment Score for Texas was 66.9 on a 100-point scale.
* Dr. Brian Moore is the new ED Medical Director at McLane Children’s Hospital in Temple. Dr. Moore was previously in New Mexico where he was very involved in the EMSC program and has been the author and co-author on numerous EMSC related research projects. Dr. Moore would like to be more involved in Texas EMSC, as he is starting to get settled into his new position.
  + Sam will add Dr. Moore to our EAC list.

**Meeting Adjourned**

* 2:30 PM CST

**NEXT MEETING: June 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm**