

EMSC Advisory Committee Minutes, Monday, 4/5/2021, 3:00pm – 4:00pm, conducted virtually via Zoom platform

Present: Sam Vance, Sally Snow, Brian Bassham, Roy Hunter, Joe Schmider, Autumn Leclair, Greta James-Maxfield

Desired Outcomes:

- Introduce new members of the EAC and define roles and responsibilities
- List ideas for EMS Week/EMSC Day
- Discuss nominations and potentially changing the date of this year’s EMSC Crew of the Year Award
- List next steps in the EMS Recognition Program
- List next steps in the Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Program
- List next steps for the PECC workgroup
- Determine meeting dates/times for CY 2021

What	How	Who	Time
Introductions	Welcome and introductions	All	5 minutes 3:00 – 3:05
Roles and Responsibilities	Discuss the current roles and responsibilities of EAC members	Sam Vance	5 minutes 3:05 – 3:10
EMS Week	List ideas and suggestions for EMS Week/EMSC Day: May 16-22/May 19	Sam Vance	5 minutes 3:10 – 3:15
EMSC Crew of the Year Award	Discuss nominations and changing the date of the Crew of the Year Award for 2021	Sam Vance	5 minutes 3:15 – 3:20
EMS Recognition Program	Update on work being performed by the EMS Recognition Workgroup Determine next steps	Sam Vance	10 minutes 3:20 – 3:30
Voluntary Pediatric Readiness Program (VPRP)	Update on work being performed by the VPRP Workgroup Determine next steps	Sam Vance/Sally Snow	10 minutes 3:30 – 3:40
Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC)	Update on work being performed by the PECC workgroup Determine next steps	Sam Vance	10 minutes 3:40 – 3:50
Meetings	Discuss and determine meeting dates/times	Sam Vance	5 minutes 3:50 – 3:55
Open Discussion	Other items for discussion as brought forward by the EAC	All	5 minutes 3:55 – 4:00

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 discussed that he called this meeting of the core members of the EAC to get reacquainted with members he knows, as well as meeting new members. Sam spoke briefly about the Performance Measure (PM) 08 and the eight core members of the EAC required by this PM. Per the State Partnership EAC bylaw, these core members are our voting members.

- Discussion was held regarding holding a meeting soon with the ad-hoc members, as described in PM 08 and the general public. Sam will send a Doodle Poll within the next week to determine everyone's availability to meet at the end of April or beginning of May.
- Discussion was held regarding the roles and responsibilities of the core members of the EAC, specifically if there is a secretary, co-chair, etc. No one has been formally performing those roles.
 - Dr. Bassham stated he would take notes and provide minutes for the meetings.
 - Dr. Bassham stated that he would act as co-chair of the EAC.

EMS Week/EMSC Crew of the Year Award

- EMS Week 2021 is May 16 – 22 and Wednesday, May 19 is EMS for Children Day.
- Due to the short amount of time prior to EMS Week, discussion was held regarding moving the Crew of the Year award to later in the year, as it's normally presented on EMSC Day of EMS Week.
- After discussion, it was decided that we would have the Crew of the Year Award on EMSC Day this year.
 - The presentation was conducted virtually last year, and will be done virtually again this year due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.
 - The portal on the State Partnership website is still open. Sam will send the link with the nomination information via the State Partnership listserv.
 - Joe will send the nomination information to the DSHS EMS provider database.
- Discussion was held regarding providing a decal for the Crew of the Year EMS agency to place on their ambulances in recognition of their award.
 - Sam will investigate and see if there is money in the budget to create and purchase these decals.
- Discussion was held regarding the State Partnership logo coloring sheet that was used in previous years and sending it out via the listserv for EMS Week.
 - Sam will send this and other EMS Week materials via the listserv.

Pediatric EMS Recognition Program

- Sam inquired as to whether there is a workgroup for this program. The answer from the EAC was no.
 - Sam inquired as to whether the EAC would have an issue if he developed a workgroup as when this program was first developed. The EAC was in favor of doing that.
 - Items that have been brought to Sam's attention for work by the workgroup are:
 - Agencies must have a PECC in order to receive recognition.
 - Begin using the updated recommended equipment list when it is published.
 - Review the recent publication on Pediatric Readiness in EMS and use its recommendations as a guideline.
 - Chief Hunter volunteered to be on this workgroup.
- Two departments have recently submitted applications for recognition.
 - Prosper FD
 - Cy Fair FD

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, Jacksonville
 - Sally has been in contact with Dr. David Bank who is the Medical Director for Victoria Emergency Associates who cover many hospitals in the valley including Valley Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Brownsville-Del Rio. He is working with their ED Director, Noemi Miranda, who has submitted their application for recognition and he would like to help bring the recognition to all of the hospitals in RAC V.
 - 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 placed strongly considered as a requirement in the next revision of the ACS COT trauma leveling requirements
- At least one hospital has recently submitted an application for recognition.
 - Seton Medical Center, Hays.
- Sam will determine the workgroup's availability and will schedule a meeting in the near future.

Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)

- Sam inquired as to whether there is a workgroup for this. The EAC responded no, that Fatma (previous program manager) had conducted all of the work on this such as gathering which services have PECCs and confirming that information.
- Sam will form a workgroup to address PECC education, training, resources, etc.

Determine Meeting Date/Times for CY 21

- Discussion was held regarding meeting dates/times. In the past they have coincided with GETAC meetings. However, with meetings being conducted virtually, is everyone still okay with that schedule? After due discussion and deliberation, the answer is yes.
- In the past, the State Partnership held a daylong workshop in August to conduct strategic planning for the next year and for the next grant cycles, as well as an education component, etc. Does the EAC want to continue with that? After due discussion and deliberation, the answer is yes.
- As there are several projects being conducted, one hour does not appear to be sufficient time to discuss everything. Is the EAC okay with extending the meeting time to 1-½ hours? After due discussion and deliberation, the answer is yes.

Open Discussion

- Sam stated he inadvertently omitted the EMS assessment, NPRP assessment and EMSC Logo from the agenda.
- Autumn discussed the EMS assessment
 - The EMS assessment was conducted from the beginning of January through March 19.
 - The Texas response rate was 17.9%
 - While this number is not statistically significant to report statewide data, it is hoped that there is enough data within some of the RACs to report their individual RAC data.
 - Autumn reported some reasons agencies gave for not completing the report.
 - Too busy with the pandemic response.
 - Survey fatigue from all of the federal and state level surveys being conducted related to the pandemic response.
 - It is not required.
 - There is no funding attached to it.
- Autumn discussed the NPRP assessment
 - The NPRP assessment begins May 1
 - Autumn has been working with NEDARC to clean up the hospital ED contact list and will be submitting the final list to NEDARC March 31.
- Sam reported that HRSA and the EIIC are changing the EMSC logo, as they want to rebrand the EMSC program to gain more nationwide recognition.
 - This means states will not be able to use their state created logos anymore as of December 31, 2021, and must put a transition plan in place.
 - The logo will be the same for all states to increase visibility of the national program, similar to other national organizations.
 - Sam stated because of this, no new decals or other materials with the Texas EMSC logo would be purchased until the new logo is unveiled.

NEXT MEETING: TBD