

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, North Carolina

June 26, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Dr. Kim Askew, Chair
Mr. Daniel Cheek
Dr. Eric Hawkins
Dr. Michael Mitchell
Ms. Tammy Rush

Members Absent

Mr. Dave Cuddeback
Dr. Gerri Mattson
Dr. Cheryl Jackson
Ms. Murney Rinholm

Staff Present:

Ms. McKenzie Cook
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Dr. Tripp Winslow

Others Present:

Ms. Jennifer Haynes
Mr. Jeff Hinshaw

- (1) Purpose of the Meeting
To provide an update on initiatives of the EMSC Program and determine next steps for addressing needs in EMSC.

- (2) Actions of the Committee
(a) The approval of the March 27th and June 26th minutes need to be approved, we did not get a quorum via email.

- (3) Old Business

(a) Airway Group asked for intubation guidance on pediatrics nothing that was transported in an isolate would be reviewed and nothing under the 6 mos. by specialty transport. The airway group was very appreciative.

(4) New Business

(a) Previaible infant in discussion with Dr. Winslow, there have been a couple of issues with delivery in the field and after transport to the hospital, they were deemed previable and the hospital couldn't do anything. The EMS community wanted more direction on the transporting of these previable patients.

Mr. Cheek stated viability and age and even NICU has a hard time telling the age, If eyes are fused, then it is deemed < 22 weeks, however if the eyes are not fused, it is usually >22 weeks then transport should occur and let the hospital decide.

The committee decided that this sounds like a viable concern

(b) Dr. Hawkins and Ms. Cook reported on the opportunity to assess EMS agencies in regards to Pediatric Continuing Education.

Dr. Hawkins stated we as a committee do not have a handle on what types of Pediatric Continuing Education opportunities are used in North Carolina. Dr. Hawkins has found that there is not much literature out there in regards to this. Ms. Cook and Dr. Hawkins discussed conducting a Pediatric Continuing Education Assessment would be helpful to show how NC is obtaining EMS Pediatric Continuing Education, what areas we need to focus on and what we need to provide to those agencies that need assistance.

It was discussed that in 2011 there seemed to be an assessment that was conducted, however Ms. Cook said that since it has been a couple of years the last assessment it maybe time to re-assess.

Ms. Cook stated she would find the questions from the last assessment and would report back to the committee.

(4) Other Business

(a) Ms. Cook updated the committee on EM Today, pediatric track looks to be promising this year.

(b) EMS for Children Meeting in Maryland in April, great ideas and found some "low cost, no cost" innovations.

(c) Ms. Cook gave a report on the upcoming EMS Agency Pediatric Assessment.

(5) The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 1 p.m. at EM Today.

