

KyEMSC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2011 / 1:00 pm / Conference Room 112
300 North Main Street
Versailles, KY 40383

Type of Meeting:

Regular, Scheduled

Facilitator:

Dr. Mary Fallat

Recorder:

Morgan Scaggs

Core Members Present:

On Site - Versailles: Dr. Fallat, Dr. Pollack, Bari Lee Mattingly, Melanie Wilson, Denise Gupton, Erika Janes, Morgan Scaggs

By phone/video: Sandra Herr and Joe Iocono

Ex Officio Members Present:

On Site - Versailles: Forest Weyen

By phone/video: Julia Costich

KBEMS Staff Present:

Forest Weyen and Morgan Scaggs

Guests Present:

Jocelyn Hulbert, Craig Hemingway, Richard Bartlett

Topic: Call to Order, Roll call, Quorum Confirmed

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00, roll call was completed, and quorum was met.

Action Items:

The KYEMSC Advisory committee meeting minutes from December 2, 2010 and May 9, 2011 along with the Conference Notes from February 11, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

Action Items:

KBEMS will post the minutes to the website after committee approval.

Introduction:

New EMSC Program Director, Ms. Morgan Scaggs, has deep roots in Kentucky and returns here after living and working in South Carolina for the past 12 years. She has worked in a variety of settings including pre-hospital EMS, the fire service, hospital emergency department, critical-care transport, injury prevention programs, and EMS education.

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests: Richard Bartlett, Jocelyn Hulbert and Craig Hemingway.

Action Items:

Need to confirm continued involvement of Ex-Officio Members prior to KBEMS reaffirmation of committee appointments.

Need list of titles of KyEMSC members for future grants and to allow more recognition of associations with those organizations that our members represent.

Discussion:

The KBEMS NEMSIS site visit is Oct 11-13, and will be conducted by Karen Jacobson BA, NREMT-P. There is a need to marry trauma data with EMS data and hospital ED and OP data. Hospital data in KY is more comprehensive than EMS data.

Beth Edgerton, MD is new branch chief for EMSC.

Pediatric preparedness is receiving more federal interest/attention.

HRSA hopes that the federal trauma program may be refunded.

www.kyha.com Trauma website has updated map of trauma hospitals

<http://www.kyha.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/traumasystemmaps.pdf>

HRSA/NEDARC Updates:

Assessment, Findings, and Analysis of Kentucky

Jocelyn Hulbert, HRSA/EMSC Federal Project Officer

Craig Hemingway, NEDARC

(See attached summary and discussion points)

ENPC Course:

We have received the NGA for supplemental funding in the amount of \$13,000 and will work with the ENA to provide the Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course in underserved areas.

Legislative report:

H.B. 285 Shaken Baby Bill – Dr. Melissa Currie is traveling all over the state to provide the required training.

Since beginning of training for new parents in the Norton Healthcare system (November 2010), over 13000 individuals (parents and family) have received training. There was only 1 child fatality related to shaking in this group and the individual was identified as a boyfriend of the mother who had not watched the video.

Dr. Bernard - KY Good Samaritan granted money to the KY Trauma program for ATV/bike helmet pilot and educational materials. Some of the money will be directed to hospitals expressing interest in being a trauma center.

Arkansas has tool kit for ATV safety.

The ATV education can also be done through Safe Kids link up.

Action Item:

Need to submit 2-3 strategic goals for KyEMSC as part of KBEMS long range planning initiatives. Morgan will submit within the next week, please contact her with suggestions.

Additional Items:

Article on EMSC for next KBEMS newsletter will share some of the data discussed today.

KBEMS Website has EMSC page, will work on adding information/updating.

Do we need a new Kentucky specific logo for KyEMSC? Many prehospital case providers are familiar with the National symbol and we may prefer to continue using this logo.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the KyEMSC Advisory Committee is November 3, 2011 at the Louisville Galt House Hotel following conclusion of the Kentucky Trauma Symposium. The meeting will start at 3:15, which is 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Symposium program.

Potential 2012 Meetings: (all 3:00-4:30 pm)

February 2

April 5

June 7

August 2

October 4

December 6

Summary of HRSA/NEDARC Data

PM 71: Online Pediatric Medical Direction

Those that answered “Always” or “Almost Always” were considered as having pediatric online medical direction available (n=3376).

- BLS Agencies: 87.4%
- ALS Agencies: 90.8%
- KY BLS Agencies: **71%**
- KY ALS Agencies: **85%**

Discussion:

Kentucky is below the national average

Who provides the medical direction?

Some have regional protocols, but they are not carried in truck

Sophisticated communication unavailable in some rural areas

Communication system in rural areas is old technology (state unable to afford)

EMS is required to have protocols; they are not required in regulation to have them in the ambulance (available in paper or electronic format)

PM 72: Offline Pediatric Medical Direction

Those that answered “Always” or “Almost Always” were considered as having pediatric offline medical direction available (n=6027).

- BLS Agencies: 63.4%
- ALS Agencies: 89.6%
- KY BLS Agencies: **76%**
- KY ALS Agencies: **96%**

Discussion:

Above national average

KBEMS offering web-based reporting system to services free of charge

How many agencies are now using State protocols? – ask Darby or Tim Price

In theory, EMS agencies are supposed to be submitting data now that is NEMSIS compatible

PM 73: Pediatric Equipment On Transporting Vehicles

The Average Percent of Recommended Pediatric Equipment Carried (n=22067): (response rate)

- BLS: 91.2% (32 out of 35)
- ALS: 95.6% (64 out of 67)
- KY BLS PCUs: **97%**
- KY ALS PCUs: **98%**

The percent of transporting vehicles that carry all of the recommended pediatric equipment (n=22067):

- BLS: 22.5%
- ALS: 34.0%
- KY BLS PCUs: 35%
- KY ALS PCUs: 57%

Discussion:

Above national average

We have excel spread sheet for KY

We have copy of the PP presentation **Morgan has these items**

Many trucks cut out the .5 because of expiration dates of ETTs

PM 74: Hospital Recognition for Pediatric Medical Emergencies

Indicate progress made towards developing a medical recognition system according to a 0-5 scale 0 = No progress 5 = At least one facility has been recognized

<u># of States/Territories</u>	<u>Reported Progress</u>
15	0 (Kentucky)
15	1
5	2
3	3
1	4
15	5

Discussion:

We have no formal system

PM 75: Hospital Recognition for Pediatric Trauma Emergencies

Indicate progress made towards developing a medical recognition system according to a 0-5 scale 0 = No progress 5 = At least one facility has been recognized:

<u># of States/Territories</u>	<u>Reported Progress</u>
4	0
2	1
1	2
1	3
0	4
46	5 (Kentucky)

Of the 46 States/Territories with a Recognition System, the Percent of Hospitals Recognized:

<u># of States/Territories</u>	<u>% of Hospitals Recognized</u>
19	0-20% (Kentucky 7%)
8	21-40%
3	41-60%
1	61-80%
15	81-100%

Discussion:

We have a trauma system but it is permissive

HRSA discussion: regionalization of care needs to be accounted for in future PMs

PM 76: Inter-facility Transfer Guidelines

Does your hospital or medical facility have written inter-facility guideline(s) that outline procedural and administrative policies with other hospitals for the transfer of patients of all ages including children in need of care not available at your hospital?

Percentage of hospitals nationally:

YES 68.7% No 26.9% In development 4.3%

Percentage having all 8 components:

Nationally 38% **Kentucky 38%**

PM 77: Inter-facility Transfer Agreements

Does your hospital or medical facility have written inter-facility agreement(s) with other hospitals for the transfer of patients of all ages including children in need of care not available at your hospital?

Percentage of hospitals nationally 59.4%

Kentucky 52%

Discussion PM 76 & 77:

Hospital protections (legal) and negative effects have impacted our ability to survey

Locked equipment drawers and cabinets

Julia will be able to supply us with a list of hospitals that have not surveyed yet (HAVE THIS)

Speak with states that have a voluntary recognition system of hospitals

State designated system and maintenance program

Look at where patient flow is across state lines
Regionalization of care
Evelyn Lyons IL

AHA – STEMI and stroke repercussions

Survey fatigue

PM 78: Pediatric Education Requirements For BLS/ALS Renewal

Hours of Pediatric Education Required for BLS Recertification

<u># States</u>	<u># Hours</u>
16	1-2
11	3-4
7	6-8
1	11 hours
4	Not Specified <Kentucky

Hours of Pediatric Education Required for ALS Recertification

<u># States</u>	<u># Hours</u>
5	1-3
10	4-6 <Kentucky 5 hours
14	8
2	9-12
7	16-17
3	Not Specified

Discussion:

ALS: Kentucky meets the performance measure but remains below the national average for number of hours required.

BLS: Kentucky requires 2 hours in a combined category of OB/Pediatric. This allows providers to recertify with 0 hours pediatric training if they choose to complete both hours in OB.

At a minimum, separating the category to 1 OB and 1 Pediatric would meet this PM, but an increase in # of hours would be preferred.

National Registry requires 2 hours of pediatric specific training but while providers in KY must currently pass the National Registry test for initial certification, they are not required to maintain National Registry. Many individuals and agencies request or require more pediatric hours.

PM 79: Permanence of the EMSC Program in States/Territories

The existence of a state/territory EMSC Advisory Committee that meets 4 times per year

Presence of a mandated pediatric representative on the state/territory EMS board

A state/territory has a full time EMSC program manager

Kentucky has met all components of this PM!

PM 80: Integration of EMSC Priorities into Statutes/Regulations

8 elements examined **Kentucky has 3 of 8**

Discussion:

Morgan and Pam Duncan (KBEMS legal counsel) will continue to work on progress in this area.