

KyEMSC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2011 / 3:45 pm/Galt House – Poplar Room
Louisville, KY

Type of Meeting: Regular, Scheduled

Facilitator and Recorder: Morgan Scaggs

Core Members Present:

Morgan Scaggs, Dr. Herr, Dr. Day, Denise Gupton, Erika Janes, Bari Lee Mattingly

Ex Officio Members Present:

Marsha Frontz

Guests Present:

Richard Bartlett

Topic: Call to Order, Roll call, Quorum Confirmed

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm, roll call was completed, and quorum was met.

Action Items:

Reviewed current KBEMS EMSC Committee Appointments and voting rules.

Introduction of Scottie Day, M.D.; Assistant Professor, Pediatric Critical Care, and Director of Transport and Outreach at Kentucky Children’s Hospital (KCH). He is also a member of the Section on Transport Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Day is originally from Eastern Kentucky and recently joined the faculty after being gone from the state for the past 10 years. He discussed his initiatives regarding safe transport of pediatric patients across the state as well as outreach projects. He hopes to partner with KBEMS EMSC and have KCH play a more active role in KBEMS initiatives throughout the state.

Action Items:

The KYEMSC Advisory committee meeting minutes from August 25th, 2011 were approved with a single name/spelling correction.

Action Items:

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

Topic: Approval of 2012 meeting schedule

Discussion:

Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the even months

Time 3:00-4:30 pm for all meetings

Location – Versailles, KCTCS System Office

Dates - February 2, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, December 6

Action Items:

Post to KBEMS/EMSC website

Topic: Dr. Herr Project Idea/Proposal

Discussion:

Dr. Herr is working on a Child Abuse Prevention campaign. Multiple studies have yielded additional information regarding perpetrator characteristics and household makeup.

Households with an unrelated adult (82% composed of mom and her boyfriend) are associated with a 50 times increased risk of abuse-related death. Educational programs have been shown to markedly reduce this risk. The project is still in the early stages of planning but may entail the development of a video, pamphlet, on-site education, etc. Target population and venues will include new mothers/newborn nursery, homeless shelter family programs, TAPP (Teenage parent program) in the schools, school health/life classes, and the Bring Peace Home initiative. There is recognition of the need to find ways to inform/educate males specifically. Further information and specific project support requests will be presented at future committee meetings.

Topic: ENPC initiative

Discussion:

We are moving ahead with the ENPC initiative. There will be an MOA developed and signed with ENA for the provision of courses and distribution of funds. Question was raised about EMS participation. This program is specifically geared for nursing education but may have some value for critical care medics. Non-RN healthcare providers may only audit the course and while they may receive contact hours, they are not eligible for testing and verification. ENPC was chosen to fill an identified gap in available training for nurses and the priority should be given to nursing staff. Locations will be selected based on need/interest, lack of current instructors, facility cooperation, and trauma center development.

Action Items:

Continue with preparation of MOA and program planning.

Topic: Program support – policies and guidelines

Discussion:

There is a need for policies and guidelines to manage program support offered through EMSC funding. The process should not be burdensome but should be transparent and insure accountability.

Action Items:

Morgan will develop a draft and present for comment.

Topic: Hospital Equipment Funding

Discussion:

There are funds budgeted for the purchase of equipment to improve hospital compliance with the AAP recommended equipment list. Hospitals that have shown initiative/working on Trauma Center designation should receive higher priority.

Action Items:

Continue to develop plans for distribution of funding.

Topic: Other Project Info

Morgan attended NASEMSO meeting in Wisconsin and made good contacts in the EMSC community.

EMSC Annual Meeting for 2012 - The next meeting will be held May 7-11, 2012, in Bethesda, MD. May 7 is reserved for the National Association of State EMS Officials' Pediatric Emergency Care Council. An EMSC pre-conference workshop will be held May 8, and the EMSC Program Meeting will start the morning of May 9 and end May 11. The grant calls for attendance by at least 3 members and attendance by the Program Manager and Family Representative are mandatory with the 3rd participant usually being the Program Director.

NEMSIS Data Fields – KBEMS will have a task force to review the required national data set and to develop the KY data set. Suggestion from Richard Bartlett to review with Trauma Registrars and KIPRC.

Legislative report:

Discussion:

Regarding H.B. 285 and the issue of family/patient education – push to go statewide as a requirement. Norton HealthCare has a program and it may be a great model for others, and the corporation is willing to share documents. May also be a good tie-in with Dr. Herr’s project? Suggestion from Richard Bartlett – Need to provide as many options as possible and must be cost neutral.

Topic: Pilot Study of Pediatric Emergency Department Alignment with National Guidelines

Discussion:

We have added 5 hospitals to the mix but this still leaves us with about 65% participation. Tom Kmetz, President, Kosair Children’s Hospital, is willing to write/sign a letter of appeal to each CEO of non-responding facilities. Suggestion from Richard Bartlett – consider joint letter from Kosair and Kentucky Children’s Hospitals. Committee is in favor of either option.

Action Items:

Request Tom Kmetz to send letter, either individually or jointly.

Additional Items:

There was interest out of the grant office at Norton HealthCare regarding a HRSA grant. Upon review of the grant guidance, the project did not fit the specific criteria of this grant.

Dr. Day presented information regarding consensus guidelines that were discussed at the recent AAP Section on Transport Medicine Meeting in Boston, MA. In addition, he discussed the senate bill that was introduced by Senator Cantwell and Senator Snowe to set National Air Ambulance Safety Standards. The Air Ambulance Medicare Accreditation and Accountability Act (S.1407) would, for the first time, tie Medicare reimbursements to national air ambulance safety standards and restructure the reimbursement system to more accurately reflect investments in safety. The legislation also establishes “never events” for which Medicare reimbursement will not be provided, including patient death or serious disability caused by medical transport vehicle failure or crash, or responding without a formal request.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

The next scheduled meeting of the KyEMSC Advisory Committee is on February 2, 2012, at 3:00 pm, in Versailles.