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Maine EMS for Children Advisory Committee

Thursday  
 January 21, 2021  
 0900-1045  
 Via Zoom

I. **Call to Order** at 0900

*Members Present:* Heidi Cote, Courtney Cook, Rachel Williams MD, Brian Richardson, Frank McClellan

*MEMS Staff:* Marc Minkler, Chris Azevedo, Melissa Adams

*Stakeholders:* Kelley Bowden, Nathan Seward, Amy Belisle MD

II. **Introductions/Public Comments:**

Attendees introduced themselves. Read EMS mission statement:

*“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”*

No public comments.

III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** January 28, 2021 minutes accepted unanimously

IV. **EMS Office Update:** Chris shares that the office has developed vaccination education for state EMS clinicians, and they are watching for any pediatric developments for vaccinations. He offers any assistance in pediatric education and undertakings. Marc advises the new EMS rules are being reviewed by the Secretary of State and AG’s office for publishing in the near future.

V. **Program Update**

- a. Marc provides a review and status of HRSA performance measures for Maine
- b. HRSA Carryover/RFP
  - i. HRSA approved \$17,060 carryover to be spent by March 31, 2021
  - ii. An RFP was developed in 2020 for PECC manual, guidelines, and a variety of skills sheets for services to use (similar to older style NREMT skills sheets).
  - iii. There were no bids for the RFP, now seeking sole source, as allowed by state, and exploring other options for EMSC education, COVID likely has a large impact on this
- c. EMS Peds Readiness Survey
  - i. 112 out of 267 services have responded (42%) as of 1/21/21

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- ii. 35 question national survey asking about service level PECC, provider make up, call volume, and pediatric skills assessment
      - iii. Some services are excluded nationally (air, military, Indian/tribal, non 24/7 services, non 911 services)
      - iv. Services were provided a custom letter from Marc with call volume from 2020, affiliated providers by license level, all from MEFIRS data to make survey easier for services
    - d. Perinatal Systems of Care
      - i. Amy Belisle & Kelley Bowden speak on Perinatal group working with hospitals, EMS and state agencies to strengthen perinatal systems of care for prenatal and up to 1 year postnatal mothers and infants to achieve healthiest pregnancies possible and reduce infant mortality rate in Maine, which has risen over past 10 years. Utilizing LOCATE tool from federal government and defining statewide levels of care for OB services at hospitals. Right care at the right place at the right time is guiding principle. Kelley reports top 3 causes of infant deaths in Maine are prematurity, birth defects, and infant sleep deaths. EMSC has been heavily involved with understanding EMS responses and interfacility transports, and the data associated with it. Marc reports how this data allows better understanding of the nuances of the pediatric data vs newborn vs OB data which in the past has often been “lumped” together. HRSA has been very interested in this avenue and how the Maine EMSC program is leading many previously unexplored efforts around this.
      - ii. Kelley also speaks on efforts of state on Infant Safe Sleep program and how hospitals are instituting Safe Sleep programs. Discussed was how the EMSC program has begun collaborating with Kelley and Dr. Jen Hayman to develop a safe sleep education program for EMS.
    - e. NASEMSO Pediatric Council
      - i. Virtual meeting October 27, 2020
      - ii. Marc is Eastern US rep, and met with the 13 states part of the Eastern region
    - f. NAEMSP Equipment Publication
      - i. Under final review for submission for publication
- VI. New Items / Further Discussion**
- a. Hospital Recognition Standards
    - i. Update on recognition standards in progress for hospitals for pediatric standards
    - ii. Collaboration with New England states on “Always Ready for Children”
    - iii. Derailed progress by COVID
  - b. NPRA – Hospitals
    - i. Starts May 2021 and goes through July 2021
    - ii. Supported by ENA, ACEP, EMSC and others
    - iii. Survey of current hospital readiness
  - c. Maine EMS Protocols
    - i. Dr Williams & Dr. Saquet are primary authors
    - ii. Dr Williams provides update on efforts around protocol review & revision
    - iii. EMSC has made several suggestions to the MDPB for protocols
  - d. Stork Pins
    - i. 16 prehospital births, 46 pins awarded
  - e. Statement of Health Equity
    - i. Reviewed and approved as statement for EMSC program
  - f. Education opportunities

- i. What can we do going forward?
- ii. Dr Williams and Marc present on need for improved opportunities
- iii. Possibility of case review on a regular basis
- iv. Frank has a pedi assessment he can put forward for review/collaboration
- v. Discusses pedi v/s card for distribution statewide
  1. Elected to have two forms one pedi v/s that is ID card size and 1 that is sheet of paper size with med dosing and pedi equipment sizes

VII. **Adjournment:**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1045am