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Maine EMS for Children Advisory Committee

June 13, 2024 0930-1030

Via Zoom

I. **Call to Order** at 0930

Members Present:

Dr. Rachel Williams, State EMSC Pediatric Medical Director
Heidi Cote, RN, ED Manager, MMC
Marc Minkler, NRP, EMSC Program Manager
Brian Richardson, FAN, Senior Director of Emergency Management & Preparedness, MaineHealth
Courtney Cook, RN, VP of Nursing & Patient Care at Northern Light Inland Hospital
Dr. Rosie Davis, Pediatric Hospitalist, CMMC
Dr. Kate Zimmerman, Maine State EMS Associate Medical Director

MEMS Staff:

Chris Azevedo, Maine EMS State Education Coordinator

Stakeholders:

Maryann Harakall, Maine Maternal & Child Health Program Director, Maine CDC
Jane Ostler, EDC
Dr. Amy Belisle, Maine State Chief Pediatrician, Maine DHHS

II. **Introductions/Public Comments:**

Attendees introduced themselves. Minkler reads 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.

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III. **EMS Office Update:** Minkler provides update on Maine EMS sustainability funds as authorized by

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legislature, provides updates on staff positions in Maine EMS office.

- IV. **EMS-C Program Update:** Minkler reports on status of current grant and carryover money approved by HRSA.
- V. **FAN Update:** Richardson provides update on activities and slides on pedi readiness and disaster planning that includes pediatric patients, reunification, and family centric care and home preparation. He has been invited to present nationally on efforts in Maine on this topic. Shares update on national FAN meetings he has attended. Richardson was also featured in the national EMSC Pulse newsletter. Update on TEEX Pediatric Disaster class happening this fall, fliers will be sent to all for registration.
- VI. **Pediatric Medical Director Update:** Maine APP is looking to develop website and resources. Looking to have New England resources from Boston Children's and mini-lectures being sent out to PECCs for use and education. Williams provide an update on state EMS Medical Direction Practices and Board meetings and activities regarding updates to pediatric care protocol. Discussion on newborn deliveries and challenges in EMS space. Minkler updates on stork awards.

VII. **Performance Measures Update**

- a. Minkler provides update on each of the current performance measures and efforts.
- b. Discussion from all on pediatric skills competency and how to achieve and barriers.

VIII. **Program Update**

- a. Minkler provides update on Virtual Reality education on pediatric assessment, and update on headsets.
- b. Update on Basic Life Support in Obstetrics courses statewide.
- c. Belisle updates group on efforts around Perinatal Systems of Care and conference in Augusta "Many Voices, One Team". Updates on perinatal mental health.
- d. Harakall discusses HRSA interest on KangooFix devices and use. Harakall has been invited to present in New Mexico to national maternal and child health conference on the devices and how the grant was done and the innovation around it.
- e. Harakall discusses updates on Title V work and priorities for child health in the state.
- f. Belisle mentions some grant opportunities through Medicaid
- g. Minkler provides update on NASEMSO activities and pediatric collaboration with other states and US territories. Update on meeting in Pittsburgh and efforts around pediatric care and resources from other states.
- h. Minkler provides update on PPRP survey, we have a 52% response rate so far, putting us 8th in country response rate wise. Survey open through July and encourages EMS agencies to complete and strategies we are doing to reach agencies and have them complete the survey. Will provide an opportunity to look at performance across Maine and the country.
- i. Ostler provides national update on EDC efforts, survey period is about ½ done. All formal communications have been pushed out. Next steps include direct phone calls to agencies who have not yet responded.
- j. Williams/Zimmerman/Azevedo provide update on protocol changes specific to pediatric care, numbers of completion and continuing efforts. Protocols go into effect Jan 31, 2024.
- k. Ostler provides update on PPRP survey for 2024 and discusses efforts around this.
 - i. Minkler states we will be state led survey process and following strategy provided and directed by EDC, but notes some challenges (date typo, daily phone calls from Jun 20-Jul 31 not possible on weekends/holidays and may not be fruitful to call each agency daily)
- l. Minkler updates on use of Ferno KangooFix Neonatal transport devices. These are all delivered and interesting find where they are being used for non-newborns but still in

neonate age and weight range. 3 instances of non use – met with all agencies to develop strategies for use (1 was far away from other ambulance that had device on it, 1 was “freaked out” about their first delivery and simply forgot, and 1 was a cardiac arrest where the device would not have been appropriate) 1,198 EMS clinicians have completed the education. Shares news articles on TV news and newspaper stories. Update and data on all transports for patients under 1 years old and how performed by agencies.

m. Minkler updates on MEMSEd programs available 24/7 and free statewide

- i. Safe sleep with Maine Safe Sleep Coalition has had 752 participants.
- ii. BRUE has had 768 participants.
- iii. Seizure program has had 897 participants.
- iv. Pediatric Assessment Triangle has had 725 participants.
- v. Pediatric Behavioral Health has had 192 participants.
- vi. Newborn restraint device has had 1,198 participants.
- vii. Total of 4,532 participants for 5,601 hours of CEH.
- viii. This is an increase of 890 participants since last meeting in March

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- n. EMS Week EMSC Day was May 22 and Maine had 3 live virtual presentations available for EMS Clinicians, all free and with CEH awarded
 - i. Prehospital Pediatric Research Update with Dr Caleb Ward at Children's National Medical Center, Washington DC
 - ii. Pearls for Pediatric Trauma with Dr. Sean Barnett at Northern Light Eastern Medical Center in Bangor, Maine
 - iii. Pediatric Airway Management with Dr. Maryann Gausche-Hill & Dr. Kathleen Adelgaïs
 - iv. EMS Award ceremony at State House in Augusta, Maryann Harakall was awarded the Community Partner award from Maine EMS, and was also featured in the national EMSC newsletter highlighting Maine's EMSC efforts.
- o. Update from Minkler on the Spring AAP conference at Samoset. Dr. Marc Auerbach was the keynote speaker and discussed Pediatric readiness and facilitated a panel of representatives, and then present the next day on pediatric simulation for EDs and primary care offices to improve readiness.
- p. MaineHealth PenBay has been awarded the Always Ready for Children recognition. Approximately 70 attendees, including state senators, the hospital president, and snacks and reception afterwards.
- q. MaineHealth Franklin has been recognition at the Ready level for the Always Ready for Children program, will be doing a celebration in the near future.
- r. Working on a PECC statewide meeting and frequency and desired content.
- s. Minkler provided an update on other EMSC activities.
 - i. Maternal Fetal Infant Mortality Review Panel
 - ii. Maine Collaboration of Care for Children with Serious Illness Committee
 - iii. Support of pediatric medical director
 - iv. Various state meetings (Board, MDPB, Education & Exam, TAC, IFT, etc)
 - v. Data assistance to DHHS, individual agencies
 - vi. QI review of pediatric calls, QI sessions with midwives

IX. Open discussion

- a. Opportunity for further questions, items
- b. Heidi discussed new pediatric waiting room at Maine Medical Center ED
- c. Belisle discussed "Project First Line" being done in Portland working with pregnant people and connecting them to maternal care

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 1030am
- b. Next meeting September 19, 2024 at 0930

Minutes recorded by Marc Minkler.