



North Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025; 1:00 to 2:00 pm (CST)

- **Welcome**
- **Roll Call** – Please add your name and organization to the chat for roll call.
- **Present:** Howard Walth, CHI St Alexius, Bismarck; Joan Connell, UND Center for Family Medicine, Bismarck; Carma Hanson, Safe Kids Coordinator, Grand Forks; Donene Feist, Family Voices; Josh Bierman, Paramedic; Tim Nesdahl, Paramedic
- **Present, State Representation:** Christopher Price, EMS Unit Director, HRL; Chettie Greer, EMSC Program Coordinator
- **Approval of Minutes** – Carma Hanson motioned to approve the minutes from May 2025; Howard Walth seconded the motion. No further discussion; the motion passed. Minutes from May 2025 were approved.
- **Program Manager Update**
 - HECC Symposium was held in August
 - 297 in attendance (ND had the 3rd highest attendance!)
 - Speakers included a child life specialist talking about emergency communication with children and interesting case studies (Why is Baby Crying)
 - Coming: A 3-hour symposium in November with the Midwest group (12 states)
 - Coming: Another HECC Symposium
 - Looking at December dates
 - Pediatric pharmacology and trauma triage
 - PECC update: 36 hospitals; 83 EMS agencies
 - Sent information regarding how hospitals can get a Carter Kit
 - Good response; Chettie sent out some Carter Kits last week
 - Presenting pediatric suicide poster at EMS World in October
 - Meeting next week with Behavioral Health to finalize a pediatric suicide webinar
 - NCCR hours will be included
 - Looking to get more hospital involvement
 - Programs have been done around Carter Kits, Scales, Vein Finders, etc.
 - Large posters have been sent out
 - Also looking for EMS involvement
 - Looking into possible VR training
- **Funding**
 - ND EMSC federal funding is good until March 31, 2026
 - Received extra funding to focus on prehospital pediatric readiness
 - Reach out to Chettie with any suggestions
 - Chettie is using the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Checklist to develop a plan
- **Committee Members Update**
 - Carma (Safe Kids): Tasked with the development of the statewide school bus training
 - Training instructors and securing equipment for the east and the west side of the state
 - Setting up and promoting the statewide trainings
 - Bismarck done in August (approx. 40 people attended)
 - Will be in West Fargo, Friday, October 17
 - Registration is required and it is good training for anybody who deals with the transportation of kids on buses
 - 3rd Annual Virtual Childhood Injury Prevention Summit will be held, the last Wednesday of

March (3/25/2026) 8:00 – 4:30

- CEUs available for many disciplines
- Free of charge – agenda coming out later in the fall
- ND Brain Injury Network – National Concussion Awareness Day 9/19
 - Annual Concussion Symposium
 - CEU available for many disciplines
 - ND Brain Injury Network website to register <https://www.ndbin.org/>
 - Can attend the whole day or portions
- Howard Walth
 - Has noticed an increase in button cell battery ingestion
 - Link to an open [injury prevention position](#)
- Donene Feist
 - Parent Leadership Institute
 - October 3 – 5
 - Information will be sent on the listserv
 - October 19 – Trunk or Treat at the Alerus Center
 - Has been a huge event in the past
 - [https://www.facebook.com/events/741788428631444/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22home%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/741788428631444/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22home%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22attachment%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%7D%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D)
 - Extended Learning Calls
 - 9/29: Discussion regarding the school telephone policy and its impact on children and youth with chronic health conditions or disabilities
 - Donene invited Chettie to attend and present
- New Business
 - QCollar: <https://q30.com/pages/science>
 - Chettie sent this link to the committee
 - November 18 – National Injury Prevention Day – planning a home safety training for that day
 - 40 states did some type of activity last year, ND was not one of them
 - Carma is looking for promotion opportunities for the 911 texting ability
- **Next Meeting**
 - December 9, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

