



North Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026; 1:00 to 2:00 pm (CST)

- **Welcome**
- **Roll Call** – Please add your name and organization to the chat for roll call.
- Carma Hanson, Coordinator (Safe Kids, Grand Forks); Alyssa Preszler, PECC, Pediatric Trauma Coordinator (Sanford Bismarck); Josh Bierman, PECC, paramedic (Lake Region Ambulance), Dr. Joan Connell (UND Center for Family Medicine, Bismarck); Heather Kapella, Nurse Consultant (HHS Special Health Services); Donene Feist, Director (Family Voices); Ashley Strong (Bottineau Ambulance); Dawn Lehrmann, HPP Program Manager, (HRL); Katie Cooper, Pediatric Trauma Coordinator (Sanford Fargo); Danielle Hoff; Melissa Hauer
- **Approval of Minutes** – Carma Hanson motioned to approve the minutes from December 2025; Donene Feist seconded the motion. No further discussion; the motion passed. Minutes were approved.
- **Program Manager Update**
 - PECC Update
 - Numbers have improved (partially due to a trauma requirement for designation of Levels IV and V): 42 of 44 hospitals and 90 EMS agencies have designated PECCS.
 - Symposiums Update
 - Chettie just returned from Nebraska, where they spent time planning the upcoming free symposiums through the Heartland Group
 - 3 upcoming (May, September, November)
 - Out-of-hospital childbirth, burns, and child sexual abuse
- **Committee Ask**
 - Looking to expand the education offering and to also include nursing credits
 - Asking for input from committee members on topics and experts to present
 - Carma suggested a safe sleep presentation
 - Include new sleep recommendations as well as the education of first responders to document the environment when first on scene
 - Dr Connell –asthma presentation
 - Carma also has a medication presentation relating to poison control
 - Contact Chettie with any suggestions: cgreer@nd.gov
- **Committee Member Updates**
 - Carma Hanson
 - Just finished annual virtual passenger safety and ambulance training
 - Recording is available on EMSC website
 - North Dakota Childhood Injury Prevention Virtual Summit Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/251603909698166>
 - March 25, 2026; 8:30 – 4:30
 - Sessions will be recorded
 - Free to attend
 - Social work, EMS, ND POST, MN POST, Childcare, and nursing CEUs available: but are only available if you attend live sessions
 - Some of these sessions may be good as additional education opportunities
 - E-bike and E-scooter injuries are a growing concern, including fire injuries with these devices
 - Wednesday, April 1; 1:00 – 3:00: E-bike & E-scooter safety discussion group
 - Discussion about laws and resources needed
 - Tri-State Carbon Monoxide and Fire Safety Summit
 - May 7, 2026 – St Cloud MN

- Carbon monoxide detectors are set to alarm at a high level, but not the low level that is found to cause damage after prolonged exposure
 - Child passenger safety school bus trainings: Jamestown and Minot
 - Flyers are not finalized at this time
 - Discussion about CPR in schools training
 - Requirement for cardiac emergency response team in schools was passed in the last legislative session
 - Heather, Shannon, Christine, and Chettie are working on this program and will send out information
 - Implementation set for 2027 school year
 - Next week is poison prevention week
 - The number one cause of poisoning in children is medications
 - Encourage distribution of poison control number and medication drop-off sites
 - <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/public-safety/take-back-program/>
- FAN Update
 - No update
- **New Business**
 - Review of meeting schedule
 - Contact Chettie if there are suggestions for changing the schedule
 - NPRP (National Pediatric Readiness Project) assessment survey is done every five years with all hospital EDs across the country
 - Open March 3 – May 31
 - Four hospitals have taken the assessment
 - Encourage your hospitals to take
 - Vision Zero Conference
 - Carma suggested Chettie contact about a booth
- **Next Meeting**
 - June 9, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.