



North Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026; 1:00 to 2:00 pm (CST)

- **Welcome**
- **Roll Call** – Please add your name and organization to the chat for roll call.
- Howard Walth, Trauma Coordinator (CHI St. Alexius); Alyssa Preszler, PECC, Pediatric Trauma Coordinator (Sanford Bismarck); Josh Bierman, PECC, paramedic (Lake Region Ambulance); Dr. Steven Sonnamaker (Sanford Bismarck); Dr. Joan Connell (UND Center for Family Medicine, Bismarck); Donene Feist, Director (Family Voices); Dawn Lehrmann, HPP Program Manager, (HRL); Katie Cooper, Pediatric Trauma Coordinator (Sanford Fargo); Melissa Hauer (NDMA); Melinda Neff, PECC (Paramedic)
- **Approval of Minutes** – Josh Bierman motioned to approve the minutes from March 2026; Alyssa Preszler 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): 43 of 44 hospitals and 90 EMS agencies have designated PECCS.
 - Symposiums Update
 - May symposium on childbirth did not have as many attendees only about 50 from ND
 - Next one is August 25 about burns
 - PEPP
 - Kerry Krikava and Chettie have been teaching a few and will be in Powers Lake next
 - NPRP
 - National pediatric readiness assessment
 - Done in 2021 35/44 hospitals participated and median score was 55
 - 2026 40/44 hospitals participated and median score was 86
 - Funding
 - Only received 33% of what was expected, do not know if more is coming
 - Discussion about ways to ensure ND has an pediatric emergency care program
- **Committee Member Updates**
 - Shared flyers from Carma Hanson
 - SafeKids is working on a statewide look into e-bikes and e-scooters
 - Katy Cooper shared some information from what Sanford Fargo has seen
 - Child passenger safety school bus trainings: Jamestown and Minot
 - Alyssa Preszler has a SafeKids Bismarck Mandan event on July 29th
- **FAN Update**
 - Family Voices Back to School issue comes out in August
- **New Business**
- **Next Meeting**
 - September 8, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.