



**North Dakota Emergency Medical
Services for Children
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 20th 2023 1:00 to 2:00pm**

- **Welcome**

- **Grant performance measures** were discussed. The current grant measures that ND EMSC is focusing on are improving pediatric readiness in hospital emergency departments and EMS agencies. This includes making sure all ambulance services and hospital emergency departments have a PECC (pediatric emergency care coordinator) and a disaster plan that specifically addresses the needs of pediatric patients. Another goal of this grant cycle is to prioritize and advance family partnership and leadership in efforts to improve EMSC systems of care by including and engaging family representatives who can speak to the emergency care needs of children in their community on EMSC state advisory committees.
- **Vision for going forward** includes not only meeting the grant performance measures but forming a network of professionals who come together to improve pediatric emergency care throughout the state. This means including school nurses, law enforcement, firefighters, members from the LGBTQ+- community, and representatives for CYSHCN (children and youth with special healthcare needs).

- **Roll Call**

- Present: Dr. Joan Connell, Ron Lawler, Carma Hanson, Debra Hanson, Donene Feist, Josh Bierman, LeeAnn Domonoske-Kellar, Heather Kapella, Danielle Hoff, Beth Oestreich, Sharla Ramirez, Stephanie Beauchamp, Susie Bercier, Tim Nesdahl, Carol Thurn, Mary Waldo, Chris Price, Alyssa Preszler, Chettie Greer

- **Elect Chair and Vice-Chair**

- Dr. Connell was nominated for Chair and agreed to accept the position as she was unopposed. Ron Lawler was nominated for the Vice Chair and also accepted the position as he was unopposed.

- **FAN Update**-LeeAnn discussed upcoming events for the FAN including the All-Grantee Meeting in Texas which the grant requires both LeeAnn and Chettie to be at. LeeAnn also spoke to working to help develop PECC education for EMS PECCs as the FAN project.

- **Subcommittees**

- Hospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) and Hospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program Subcommittee. The goal of this subcommittee is to provide recommendations to the Advisory Committee about how to establish a pediatric readiness recognition program that includes disaster planning and encouraging emergency departments to designate a PECC. It also includes finding ways to deliver pediatric education and training. Please let Chettie know if you would like to be on this subcommittee.
- EMS Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) and Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program for Ambulances Subcommittee. The goal of this subcommittee is to encourage participation in the ambulance pediatric readiness recognition program. The subcommittee will also explore ways to deliver pediatric education and training such as safe transport, to services and encourage services to designate a PECC. Please let Chettie know if you are interested on serving on this subcommittee.

- **Committee Member Updates**

- Carma Hanson shared that the primary seatbelt law has finally passed! Carma has also been doing presentations on the safe transport of children in ambulances. The Move Over law also has passed.
- Carol Thurn shared information about Driving Skills for Success [Vision Zero North Dakota \(nd.gov\)](http://VisionZeroNorthDakota.nd.gov). She also has information cards about the new seatbelt law.
- Debra Hanson shared information about the non-accidental trauma handout that Sanford developed. She also talked about how ND is seeing an increase in pediatric patients falling from windows and balconies, golf cart injuries, and dog bites. She will be presenting pediatric education at the state trauma conference and she does outreach with critical access hospitals.

- **EMSC Program Manager Update**

- **If anyone knows of an ER physician with an interest in pediatrics, please encourage them to join this committee!**
- The next HECC symposium will be about pediatric brain injury in September
- EMSC shared the TEN-4-FACEsp app info with emergency departments in the state and noted that the Midwest EMSC group is working to provide a possible symposium with Dr Mary Clyde Pierce presenting on TEN-4-FACEsp. The Midwest EMSC group is a collective of MN, KS, NE, SD, OH, IL, MI, WI, and ND hopes to provide continuing education credits through pediatric symposiums later this fall/winter.
- After discussion about the difficulty of doing a state EMSC newsletter it was suggested that the EMSC program manager could send out a mass email newsletter.
- Approximately 70 Carter Kits have been dispersed to ambulance services who complete the education. Chettie is going to attempt to get POST credits so that law enforcement can benefit from the ASD education Carter Kits provides.
- Chettie is contacting Emergency Medical Dispatch centers in the state to see if they would be willing to use the Emergency Information Form for Children with Special Needs.

- **Next Meeting**

- September 12 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.