



North Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children  
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

1:00 to 2:00pm (CST)

- **Member Sheet** – Please verify your information on the member sheet and let Chettie know if there are errors.
- **Roll Call** – Please add your name and organization to the chat for roll call.
  - **Present:** Mary Waldo, State Trauma Coordinator; Stephanie Beauchamp, Trinity Health First Response; Melinda Neff, Turtle Lake Ambulance Service; Dawn Lehrmann, Hospital Preparedness Manager NDHHS; Howard Walth, CHI St Alexius Bismarck; Elizabeth Bercier, Dunseith ERC; Sharla Ramirez, Trinity Health First Response Minot; Alyssa Preszler, Sanford Bismarck Injury Prevention; Deb Hanson, Pediatric Trauma Sanford Medical Center Fargo; Carol Thurn, NDDOT Highway Safety Division; Melissa Hauer, NDHA; Dr Joan Connell; Chettie Greer, NDHHS; Chris Price, NDHHS; Danielle Hoff, Special Health Services
- **Approval of Minutes** – Melinda Neff motioned to approve the minutes from June 2023; Carol Thurn seconded the motion. No further discussion; motion passed. Minutes from June 2023 are approved
- **Program Manager Update**
  - **The Pediatric Ambulance Recognition Program** has been updated and approved. Chettie will begin distribution to the ambulance services soon and plans to introduce the new program at the upcoming conference in Medora.
  - **The Pediatric Hospital Recognition Program** is in development. Discussion at the grantee meeting has revolved around development taking 3 – 4 years. The consensus is that ND can develop a program faster than this due to the already developed means of communication and collaboration as well as the fact that it is believed ND does not need a tiered program as some states have developed. It is encouraged to include liaisons from the necessary hospitals in the development process.
  - **Hospital readiness scores** will be used in the development of the recognition program. The last hospital readiness survey showed ND having an average score of 55. The desired average score is 88. Dawn Lehrmann (Hospital Preparedness program manager) offered to assist with development and distribution.
  - **Upcoming symposiums:**
    - **TBI and Kids;** September 19, 2023. Register through the [Children's Minnesota](#) website to receive credit for nurses and physicians. EMS people can have a watch party and submit a roster to Chettie for credit.
    - There will be a **two-day event in November** with one day's 4-hour session aimed at EDs and one day's 4-hour session aimed at EMS. Chettie is working with 11 other states in the development of this symposium. More information will be coming and CEUs will be available!
  - **Blind copy or just email.** Chettie asked the group if there are any issues with showing all emails on group emails of they would rather she BCC. The consensus was that it is fine to not BCC members.
  - **Upcoming survey for prehospital** is expected to take ½ - 1 hour to complete. This survey is voluntary, but completion is encouraged and appreciated. This will probably come out in May of 2024.

- A **FAN strategic plan** has been requested by HRSA. Donene Feist and LeeAnn Domonoske-Kellar have been assisting Chettie with this plan. Part of the plan is to ensure Family Advocacy Network members have a voice at EMSC meetings. The plan is due by October 1, 2023.
- An **ER Physician** has been added to the EMSC Advisory Committee
  - Dr Sonnomaker with CHI in Bismarck will be joining the committee in the future.
- **Subcommittees**
  - Subcommittees were not finalized at the previous meeting.
    - Chettie is thinking about an hour / month commitment for 6 – 9 months to start, possibly up to 18 months
    - Some items will need to go through the trauma committee for review and approval so the two groups will be collaborating on this development process
  - **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.
  - **Interested parties:** Melinda Neff, Dawn Lehrmann, Melissa Hauer, Howard Walth, Alyssa Preszler
    - Chettie will be reaching out with more information
- Neither LeeAnn or Donene were available for this meeting; no update was given for **FAN (Family Advocacy Network) or Family Voices**
- **Committee Member Updates**
  - Dr Connell is the lead for ND Medical Associations Advisory Group which originated as a COVID response group but continues to work together. Dr Connell invited Chettie to the upcoming meeting on September 21, 5:00 – 6:00 pm. This group is comprised of physicians and local public health people. If anybody is interested in adding something to the agenda or presenting to this group, contact Dr Connell
  - Deb Hanson announced that this will be her last meeting with EMSC as she is retiring December 1, 2023. She does not know her replacement at this time but she will get them oriented with EMSC when they are hired.
    - Dr Connell thanked Deb for her service on the EMSC committee as well as with all the patients she has served throughout the years.
    - Everybody wishes Deb all the best!
  - Howard Walth shared a story about a recent call at CHI Bismarck. A vehicle rollover about 20 miles south of Mandan activating the highest trauma activation. Mother was intoxicated resulting in four pediatric patients between 3 months and 4 years. None of the children were injured too badly; hospitalized 2 – 3 days. The call went very well but these events also strengthen the importance of disseminating peds information and education.
- **Next Meeting**
  - December 12 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.