



North Dakota Emergency Medical Services for Children
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 12th 2023
1:00 to 2:00pm (CST)

- **Roll Call** – Please add your name and organization to the chat for roll call.
 - **Present:** Mary Waldo, State Trauma Coordinator; Alyssa Preszler, Sanford Bismarck and Safe Kids Bismarck-Mandan; Carma Hanson, Safe Kid Coordinator Grand Forks; Dr. Joan Connell, UND Center For Family Medicine, Bismarck; Howard Walth, Trauma Coordinator CHI St. Alexius, Bismarck; Heather Kapella, NDHHS Special Health Services, State School Nurse Consultant; Melissa Hauer, North Dakota Hospital Association; Beth Oestreich, NDHHS Injury Prevention Program Director; Dr Sonnomaker, CHI St Alexius, Bismarck/Metro Area Ambulance; Josh Bierman, Paramedic, Lake Region Ambulance Service; Elizabeth Bercier, Dunseith ERC
- **Approval of Minutes** – Howard Walth motioned to approve the minutes from September 2023; Carma Hanson seconded the motion. No further discussion; motion passed. Minutes from September 2023 are approved
- **Program Manager Update**
 - **The Pediatric Ambulance Recognition Program:** Chettie has not received a lot of interest in the Pediatric Ambulance Recognition Program at this point and is looking for some input. Discussion: The ongoing struggle with volunteer ambulances to participate due to time and personnel constraints; suggestion to start with ambulance services from each region or services involved with HHS committees. If anybody has any feedback, let Chettie know.
 - **Hospital PECC Form:** Chettie made the suggested revisions and is looking for further feedback and finalization. Discussion: The form looks good but PECCs in both EMS and hospital environment are going to be somebody who already has many responsibilities / tasks; send out but also reach out to individuals in the hospitals to act as champions for the program that may not act as the PECC but would encourage participation within facilities; look for a couple pilot facilities and spotlight them in the media. The [link](#) that Chettie previously shared to the news report about pediatric readiness in ERs was sent out in the chat. CHI and Sanford Bismarck volunteered to be pilot hospitals. Anybody else interested should contact Chettie.
 - **Symposium Report:** The symposium was well attended both nights. Discussion: Comments included props for being very informative and well done; however, there was a comment that the registration process was difficult and the timing on the second night wasn't appealing.
 - **Proposed meeting times for 2024:** Discussion: The proposed dates of: **March 12, June 11, September 10, December 10** were agreed upon and calendar invites will be sent out for the year.
 - **Sickle Cell Disease** has been on an increase for ambulance calls in North Dakota – 48 calls for sickle cell crisis last year. Work is being done on development of an education webinar to include EMS and ER protocols.
 - **Radon** reminder. This could be a good topic for EMS reachout.
- **FAN and Family Voices** reps not available; no update presented.
- **Committee Member Updates:**
 - 2024 car seat technician course dates have been distributed.
 - Normally a car seat technician conference takes place every other year in ND, however as they are switching years due to scheduling conflict there will be one in 2024 also. This will be

done in conjunction with a bus training regarding transportation of children.

- The Safe Kids Newsletter will soon be distributed with 2024 trainings, etc. Contact Carma if you have something you would like listed in the newsletter or to be added to the distribution list.
- ND Virtual Childhood Injury Prevention Workshop is set for March 27, 2024. The agenda is being finalized and will be distributed soon.
- Discussion: Carma inquired about how to best distribute training regarding ambulance transportation of children education / knowledge. The suggestion was made to present at EMS regional conferences as NCCR hours.

- **Next Meeting**

- March 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.