

**Delaware EMSC Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2015, 12:00-2:00pm  
Edgehill Public Health Training Center  
43 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover De 19901

**Attendees:** Dr. Maricar Diaz, MarySue Jones, Lisa Ridgeway, David Nitsch, Dennise Washington, Susan Ebaugh, Colleen Dudlek, Mary Beth Holland, Mike O’Malley, Christina Hoddinott, Dawn Ryan, Cheryl Littlefield, Beth MacDonald, Joe Hopple, Andy Fulton, Dr. Ross Megargel, Dr. Kelly Abbrescia, Dafne Carnright, Marilyn Mitchell, Dr. Stephanie Golebiewski, Dave Salati, Jennifer Whaley

**Excused:**

<u>TOPICS</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>DISCUSSION/ACTION PLAN SUMMARY</u>
Meeting Minutes	M. Diaz	The meeting minutes from March 26, 2015 were approved without revision.
Pediatric Components In Delaware Hospital Disaster Plans	C. Dudlek D. Ryan C. Littlefield	Colleen Dudlek, RN, presented for St. Francis Hospital on the pediatric components of their hospital disaster plan related to these points: medical needs including equipment and staff training, security needs including photo identification and a secure treatment area, physical needs such as food, clothing, cribs, diapers/formula, and psychosocial needs such as age appropriate toys, and special services. Dawn Ryan, RN, BSN, presented for Naticoke Memorial Hospital on the pediatric components of their hospital disaster plan related to: need for rapid reunification process, comparison of programs, policies, and procedures for the at-risk populations, lessons on psychological stress, proper identification (caregiver and child), decontamination process, pharmacy plan (pediatric-specific medications), and designated peds safe area with supplies. Cheryl Littlefield, RN presented for Beebe Healthcare on the pediatric components of their hospital disaster plan. Their guideline is based on the New York City health plan, and the parts of it that work best for each facility can be used as a guide for each hospital’s plan. Some important aspects of Beebe’s plan are: special needs-specific plan guidelines with use of autism communication cards and pictorial communication board for non-verbal patients, reunification process, and job action sheets for the pediatric safe area coordinator, age-specific dietary needs, ED surge, and preparations for long term transfer of care. Beth MacDonald and Daphne Carnright offered their expertise to all hospitals to assist with plans for special needs patients. Dr. Megargel and Andy Fulton asked hospitals to think about how many patients they could take and how fast. All disasters are different, however all agreed that keeping families together especially in MCI’s is important for the reunification process to go smoothly.
Pediatric Preparedness	B. MacDonald  M. Diaz	Beth MacDonald, EMS/SPS Vulnerable Populations Coordinator, spoke about Delaware’s work on the <u>Health Resources on Children in Disasters and Emergencies</u> document. Mary Sue Jones brought up that the planning and preparation for this is very extensive and she would like the help of the Advisory Committee. She proposed three different ways to approach this: 1. Form a completely new Pediatric Disaster Committee to help EMS/SPS with this planning, 2. This committee could work on it, or 3. Develop a workgroup from the Standards and Quality committee. She will wait for feedback and revisit at the next meeting. Dr. Diaz presented important information based on the article <u>A National Assessment of Pediatric Readiness of Emergency Departments.</u>
EMSC Grant	M. Jones	MarySue Jones reported that the EMSC grant’s performance measures mid-year report is due in June. The new grant guidance will be out in the fall.

EMSC Coordinator Update	D. Nitsch	Dave reported that the position still has not been filled, however there is one candidate that looks promising. Dave also reported that he is attending his first NEDARC (National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center) conference in June, and will be attending the EMSC regional grantee meeting in August.
Pediatric System	S. Ebaugh	<b>Standards and Quality Committee Report</b> Susan reported that all Pediatric Emergency Care Facility Recognition Program site visits had been completed as of the last meeting, and now all facilities have received their letters of recognition. Hospitals will be working on all the opportunities and recommendations that were given and progress will be reported in the 18 month updates. Susan, along with Dr. Diaz and MarySue, also stated that it is time to look at the original standards to see what revision should be made and to be sure the standards for the Level 4 facilities, the freestanding ED's are ready to be utilized.
Member Agency Sharing	M. O'Malley  A. Fulton M.S. Jones  B. MacDonald  C. Hoddinott S. Ebaugh C. Dudlek C. Littlefield  J. Hopple  Dr. Diaz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SafeKids: The SafeKids conference will be held on June 24 at the Duncan Center in Dover. This year registration was also available online at the SafeKids new website <a href="http://www.safekidsde.org">www.safekidsde.org</a>. Anyone who would like any events to go on the calendar of the Safe Kids De website should sent the information to Mike. The SafeKids National conference will be held 7/29/2015-08/01/2015 at National Harbor, Maryland. Safe Summer Day for Kent County will be held at Brecknock Park on 6/13/2015, SafeKids Sussex day will be held at Lowes in Lewes on 6/20/2015. The SafeKids partnership with Lowes in Lewes prompted the Lowes corporate office to send out a letter to all Lowes stores nationwide challenging them to hold a similar event for the community.</li> <li>2. EMS and Preparedness Section: Andy Fulton reported that House Bill 69, the ATV bill, passed the Senate 20-1. Mary Sue reported that Angie is now working for the Office of EMS in the area of Hospital Preparedness. MarySue received a scholarship from Safe States to attend their annual conference where she met Dr. Beth Edgerton, HRSA Branch Chief for EMSC and Injury Prevention. Dr. Edgerton was very aware of the accomplishments of Delaware's EMSC program related to development of a statewide pediatric system and asked for work to be done on patient outcomes as part of the pediatric system quality program.</li> <li>3. SNAP: Total enrollees are 226 with a breakdown of New Castle County 111, Kent County 80, and Sussex county 85. Smart 911 should be statewide by the end of the summer. Beth also reported on POD exercise with University of Delaware that was set up to learn from the perspective of people with disabilities, as well as the Prepare Yourself conference held in Dover at the Modern Maturity Center that was also designed for people with special needs.</li> <li>4. Wilmington Hospital is working on pediatric asthma protocols.</li> <li>5. Bayhealth/Kent: Susan introduced Kent Pediatric Physician Coordinator Dr. Abbrescia.</li> <li>6. St. Francis: Colleen reported that she is developing pediatric asthma protocols and working on recommendations from the site visit. Mary Beth reported on community outreach events.</li> <li>7. Beebe: Cheryl reported that they have purchased 2 vapotherm units with disaster grant money. Beebe had a table at the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company's EMS day.</li> <li>8. Sussex County EMS: Joe reported on the Take 10 CPR campaign, which teaches CPR skills in a 10 minute session and is being well accepted by both children and adults.</li> <li>9. AIDHC: Dr. Diaz reported on upcoming classes: on 6/11 Pediatric Emergency Medicine Skills Course for Emergency Physicians, and on 6/25, Pediatric Transport Pre-hospital Skills Course.</li> </ol>
Next Meeting		EMSC Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on August 4, 2015 from 12:00-2:00pm, with networking lunch starting promptly at 11:45am @ EdgeHill Training Center, 43 S. Dupont Highway, Dover, De 19901