

National Association of State EMS Officials  
**Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PECC)**



**FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES**

<b>Date: March 23, 2021</b>	<b>Time (CST): 1:00 – 2:30 PM</b>
<b>Link to join:</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82956821558">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82956821558</a>	There is no dial in option. Use your desktop, laptop, tablet, mobile device, or smart phone to join using the link to the left.
<p><b>Members Present:</b> Renee Escamilla (AK), Julia Vinton (AZ), Lorrianna Jean-Jacques (FL), Norma Campbell (GA), Karin NG (HI), Stacy Connolly (ID), Evelyn Lyons (IL), Vicki Petersen (IA), Brittney Nichols (KS), Morgan Scaggs (KY), Amanda Perry (LA), Marc Minkler (ME), Cynthia Wright-Johnson (MD), Samantha Mishra (MI), Liz Kendrick (MO), Robin Suzor (MT), Anna K. Sessa (NH), Eric Hicken (NJ), Katherine R. Schafer (NM), Greg Edwards (NC), Samantha Harrison (ND), Rachel Ford (OR), Duane Spencer (PA), Carolina E Roberts-Santana (RI), Karen Moore (SC), Natasha Kurth (TN), Mark Herrera (UT), Candace Facemyer (WV), Erica Kane (WI)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Marc Auerbach (EIIC), Mohsen Saidinejad (EIIC), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)</p>	
<p><b>1:00-1:45 PM</b></p> <p><b>PECC Call to Order &amp; Welcome – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chat Monitor Throughout Meeting – <i>Karen Moore (SC), Chair-Elect</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting Minutes – Rachel Ford (OR), Secretary</b>          Approve November 2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: Cynthia Wright-Johnson</li> <li>• Second: Carolina Roberts-Santana</li> </ul> <p><b>Announcements – Amanda Perry (LA), Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New PECC member: Mark Herrera, Utah</li> <li>• Workgroups: Pediatric Emergency Care Council Deliverable - Skills Check PM03; Pediatric Emergency Care Council Deliverable - Welcome Packet: Will follow-up with survey to see who would like to participate in each workgroup.</li> <li>• Poll Question: National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment: 100% of those that answered the poll said ‘Yes’ to the map. General comments included: Yes, to the map and showing participation. No to scores. From overall system performance and the hospitals, a comparative map would be very helpful! Like participation percentages. Useful to recruit champions if you are struggling a bit. Like the map idea. Support the map. I like the map idea, motivates our hospitals to participate. Scores are eventually made public anyway.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports – Morgan Scaggs (KY), Past Chair</b></p> <p><b>Organizational Liaison Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine – Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD): See AAP Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine - March 2021 PDF.</li> <li>• AAP Section on Emergency Medicine – Robin Suzor (MT): Mission of the AAP SOME EMS Subcommittee is to sustain, develop and promote the delivery of optimal prehospital emergency care for acutely ill and injured children and adolescents. The last meeting was October 2020. Subcommittee objectives: 1) Support of EMSC Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment and Toolkit; 2) Review prehospital requests submitted to AAP; 3) Ensure pediatric considerations in national organizational statements: NASEMSO Model Guidelines v3 &amp; NREMT Task Force on Continued Competency; 4) Support prehospital research through mentorship and</li> </ul>	



sponsorship within the existing consortiums; 5) Collaborate with other AAP subcommittees and NAEMSP pediatric committees. The EIC knowledge domains were discussed. Field triage revision in July 2021; published data including behavioral health, EMS degrees, social determinants, social equity, and human trafficking. EBG pain management NASEMSO prehospital guidelines update summer 2021. Airway systematic review essential EMS equipment approved by the board but not yet ready to share. The next meeting is April 7, 2021.

- NAEMSP Equipment for Ground Ambulances – Marc Minkler (ME): The NAEMSP Committee on ground ambulance equipment has submitted the paper “Recommended Essential Equipment for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support Ground Ambulances 2020” with consensus from AAP, ACS-COT, EMSC-EIIC, ENA, NAEMSP, and NASEMSO. The paper was accepted for publishing in the NAEMSP Prehospital Emergency Care Journal on 2/8/21. Print publishing is to be determined. The direct link for the paper is <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10903127.2021.1886382>. It is watermarked for acceptance, and once published in print it will be updated.
- NHTSA Heatstroke Partnership Working Group – Dr. Sam Mishra (MI): The working group started in 2020. Next meeting is March 31, 2021. 2021 goals include expanding outreach and spreading awareness through a coordinated effort of multiple stakeholders, partners and agencies across the nation. NHTSA office of communications targeted outreach in states with increases in vehicular heatstroke deaths. Locations to promote awareness include childcare settings, car seat manufacturers and automakers employers/businesses. 1998 to present data to support state campaigns: [www.Noheatstroke.org](http://www.Noheatstroke.org). An examination of media reports about the 882 pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths for a 23-year period, 1998 through 2020, shows the following circumstances: 52.9% forgotten by caregiver; 25.6% gained access on their own; 19.7% knowingly left by caregiver, and 1.7 % unknown. More than half of the deaths (54%) were children under 2 years of age. Resources for 2021 Awareness efforts: **May 1, 2021 National Heatstroke Prevention Day**, <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention>; **July 26 - August 1 Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Awareness Week**, <https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke>.

**NAEMSO General Updates** – Dia Gainor (NAEMSO): Annual meeting scheduled for November 14-18 in Reno. There will be two vacancies posted for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. These will be opportunities for Trauma Managers.

Would encourage PECC involvement in these Committees:

- Safe Transport of Children Committee working on testing of pediatric restraint equipment.
- Agency and Vehicle Licensure Committee enforces the use of the minimum equipment lists.

**EIIC General Updates** – Rachael Alter (PEC Council Staff): Surveys sent to EMSC Program Managers (PMs) regarding funding and FANs. Planning for the EMSC Grantee meeting, August 30 - September 2, and we have selected eight EMSC PMs to advise: Anna Sessa (NH), Duane Spencer (PA), Lorrianna JeanJacques (FL), Sam Mishra (MI), Debbie Kuhn (NE), Stacey Quesada (CO), Reneé Escamilla (AK), and Karin NG (HI). Question posed to Council: Is there value in including either or both Pediatric Medical Directors and EMSC Advisory Committee Chairs in the EIIC Grants Database contact information for State Partnership grants? We received a request about whether there is a “group” for EMSC Advisory Chairs to connect. We could also potentially create an official Google Group for either or both that would help them create a network and encourage communication.

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**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Moh Saidinejad and Dr. Marc Auerbach, EIC

- a. Knowledge management Early Access Program (KEAP): Current focus is Mental Health. Content review is quick. Information is not public domain.
- b. Pediatric Education & Advocacy Kit (PEAK): These resources are public domain with no login required. Status Epilepticus available now and mental health will be available June 2021. There will be two PEAKs per year. If you are interested in being involved, please send an email to [km@emscimprovement.center](mailto:km@emscimprovement.center).
- c. SimBox & Tele SimBox Pediatric Seizure EMS: <https://www.acepsim.com/> Free online remote learning. Cognitive aids and cases available. Blended simulation of tele and in-person simulation has been a good way to leverage pediatric expertise.
- d. Virtual Resus Room: <https://virtualresusroom.com/demo/> Free online simulation demos and cases.

**Adjourn** – *Amanda Perry (LA), Chair*

- Motion: Anna Sessa
- Second: Erica Kane
- Time (CST): 2:15

**2:15-2:30 PM**

**Optional Zoom Chat** – *Amanda Perry (LA), Chair*



**Liaison Report from the AAP COPEM - March 2021**

**TO:** Pediatric Emergency Care Council & Steering Committee, NASEMSO  
**From:** Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN RN, Liaison to AAP COPEM

**The AAP COPEM met virtually in December 2020 and had a quarterly conference call on March 11, 2021. Please find a summary of the activities and actions of the AAP COPEM for the past six months.**

**Discussion:** The COPEM has a new liaison position from the Section on Urgent Care Medicine from within the AAP. This Section grew out of the Section on Emergency Medicine subcommittee on urgent care and is in a developmental “provisional” status. The focus of the section is to develop standards, research, and quality metrics in urgent care while building a community of both academic and private groups. Current estimates indicate there are 10,000 urgent cares facilities across the country that provide acute care for children.

**AAP Revised Policies, Statements and Practice Guidelines with ongoing work / Action taken include:**

1. Ensuring Access to Critical Health Information for Children during Emergencies: EIFs and Beyond – *COPEM & COCIT (technology committee) have completed final copy. Policy is under leadership and copy editing review before going to the AAP Board.*
2. Patient Safety Policy Statement and corresponding Technical Report – *final editing phase*
3. Access to Emergency Care Policy Statement – *approved by AAP, ENA, ACEP and will be published by AAP & ACEP with editorial in development from ENA*
4. Ambulance Equipment – *all coauthoring organizations have approved, in editing at this time with spring publication anticipated.*
5. Crowding in the Emergency Department - *revision to be discussed at the June 2021 meeting*
6. School Emergencies – *coauthored by AAP Council on School Health & COPEM. Revisions approved and under editorial review for 2021 publication.*
7. Dispensing Medications Upon Hospital ED Discharge – *technical report has been circulated and peer review comments considered.*
8. Acute Mental Health Emergencies – *Policy Statement & Technical Report peer review comments are being incorporated prior to final COPEM review in June.*

**NEW Statements in Progress:**

1. Pediatric Prep in the Urgent Care Setting – *Intent for New Policy Statement*
2. Pediatric Non-Traumatic Cardiac Arrest – *Intent for New Policy Statement*

**AAP Support and promotion of the 2021 National Pediatric Readiness Assessment:**

COPEM membership and AAP leadership are working closely with the EMCS EIIC, ACEP, and ENA to encourage members to advocate for all hospital EDs to participate in the May – July 2021 Reassessment of NPRP. The Peds Ready website is up and prepared for the opening of the survey in May. The NPRP Toolkit has been updated with an interactive Checklist for hospitals to use during the preparation for the survey along with new policy and protocol examples and templates. The Count Down clock has started. While not all AAP state chapters have an active COPEM committee, AAP will be reaching out to those contacts and the state presidents.



**AAP Life Support Educational Programs** continue to be updated with 2020/ 2021 as the target for publications with any new AHA recommendations, new evidence based guidelines, and more interactive content (flipped classroom modeling)

- ✎ PEPP 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020): Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals: Text book and instructional toolkit have been available for purchase since July 2020. Hybrid online course materials were released in November 2020. State guidelines should be followed for in-person and hybrid courses. Steering committee is meeting in April to discuss best practices for the new course.
- ✎ APLS 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (2011): The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course is under review at this time. No information is available on revision or future of the course delivery.
- ✎ NRP 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2021): Neonatal Resuscitation Program: the new curriculum is available for purchase with a June 2021 publication release. Course will remain on line for didactic portion. CoVID update are located online @ <https://www.aap.org/en-us/continuing-medical-education/life-support/NRP/Pages/NRP.aspx>. And online skills videos have been updated and posted for free online: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/continuing-medical-education/life-support/NRP/Pages/NRP-Skills-Videos.aspx>

Here is the direct link to the COPEM website where all publications and resources are located: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/Committees-Councils-Sections/Committee-on-Pediatric-Emergency-Medicine/Pages/Pediatric-Emergency-Medicine.aspx?>

**AAP Publications that support Pediatric Readiness in ED and EMS**

- ✎ Participation of Children and Adolescents in Live Crisis Drills and Exercises – Policy Statement *Pediatrics* September 2020, 146 (3) e2020015503; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2020-015503>
- ✎ Ketamine Use in Prehospital and Hospital Treatment of the Acute Trauma Patient: A Joint Position Statement [ACS-COT, ACEP, NASEMSO, NAEMSP and NAEMT] <https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2020.1801920>
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems – Technical Report *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193308
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Medical Services Systems – Policy Statement *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193307
- ✎ Drugs used to Treat Pediatric Emergencies – Clinical Report *Pediatrics*, Jan 2020, 145 (1) e20193450
- ✎ Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department – Policy Statement *Pediatrics*, Nov 2018, 142 (5) e20182459

**Respective fully submitted:**

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March 2021 for PECC Council and Leadership