



# Pediatric Emergency Care Council

## *STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES*

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020 • 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

### **Call to Order / Call Roll / Approve Agenda**

- Morgan Scaggs called the meeting to order
- Cyndy Wright-Johnson motioned to approve the agenda; Marc Minkler seconded.

### **Members Present:**

Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MD)  
Natasha Kurth (TN)  
Katherine Schaefer (NM)  
Rachel Ford (OR)  
Robin Suzor (MT)  
Brittney Nichols (KS)  
Erica Kane (WI)  
Renee Escamilla (AK)  
Candace Facemeyer (WV)  
Fatma Diouf (TX)

Marc Minkler (ME)  
Julia Vinton (AZ)  
Elizabeth Weinstein (IN)  
Duane Spencer (PA)  
Merrill Pine (VT)  
Evelyn Lyons (IL)  
Karin Ng (HI)  
Morgan Scaggs (KY)  
Karen Moore (SC)

Others Present: Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)

### **Secretary's Report** – Karen Moore (SC)

- Minutes for approval
  - February Steering Committee
  - March Full Council
- Cyndy Wright-Johnson motioned to approve minutes; Evelyn Lyons seconded. Minutes were approved.

### **Chair Report** – Morgan Scaggs (KY)

- EMSC town Hall call May 13.
- East region will need a new alternate rep. Virginia has been moved to the South region.
- Steering Committee elections will be held at the meeting in August.
- AAP and working group are drafting guidance document on the transport of minor without adult consent. More will be available soon.

### **Chair-Elect Report** – Amanda Perry (LA)

- No report



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### **NASEMSO & EIIC Report – Rachael Alter**

- **NASEMSO**
  - 2020 EMS Assessment has been released. PEC Council was asked to review section on regulations for transport devices in ambulances.
- **EIIC**
  - EMS week and EMSC Day and how to move forward. Asked that anyone with resources to send them to her.

### **Discussion Items**

- **Regional Reports**
  - Western Plains -Robin Suzor (MT)
    - Regional meeting has been postponed to the Fall of 2021.
- **NASEMSO Committee Reports**
  - Safe Transport – Katherine Schafer (NM)
    - Product sheet was discussed.
    - Asked Council to help develop a slide set to go over the main highlights of safe transport. Council members were asked to submit any completed slides onto designated Basecamp folder. Katherine Schafer will be the contact for the working group.
- **Liaison Reports**
  - Prehospital Peds Ready – Rachael Alter (NASEMSO)
    - Finalized draft checklist
    - Toolkit subcommittee will meet soon
  - COPEM – Cyndy Wriugh-Johnson (MD)
    - Ensuring Access to Emergency Information
    - **Cyndy will send report**
  - NAEMSP -Marc Minkler (ME)
    - Discussed overall COVID response and state/regional protocols/policies
    - Discussed and proposed research project comparing similarities and differences among COVID Pediatric EMS policies. Other items shared:
      - Potential increased use of intramuscular epinephrine, subcutaneous tertbutaline and intravenous magnesium in the management of status asthmaticus
      - Use of patient's home MDI for asthma exacerbations



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- The potential evolution of telehealth to aid in transport decisions/treat and stay education opportunities and reminders
- Working on collecting various protocol on COVID from across the country
- ACEP SimBox
  - SimBox contains a low-fidelity manikin that can be used to do simulation training in EDs and agencies on a more regular basis, as well as during the pandemic (continue education/training while limiting exposure and risk). The manikin is used in conjunction with free, online videos (You Tube), which include several case scenarios. The website is [www.acepsim.com](http://www.acepsim.com)
- Review potential pediatric submissions for next year's annual conference and discuss the process for program building.
- Discussed program on pediatric seizures, available at <https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/knowledge-translation-toolkit/seizures>
- Reviewed AHA Interim Guidance for Basic and Advanced Life Support in Children and Neonates With Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19
  - NAEMSP has endorsed the AHA Adult guidelines, and refrained from endorsing the Pediatric Guidelines, due to concerns raised by our committee and the board regarding early intubation, interruption of chest compressions and other aspects around PPE during resuscitation.
- 2020 Goals Summary:
  - Complete the 'Airway Management' and 'Medication Dosing Safety' NAEMSP Position Statements and their attendant resource documents. This will include peer review by the board and revisions, if the documents are felt to be acceptable or revisable.
  - Consider a 'Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect' Position Statement and Resource document proposal, and/or a survey of relevant EMS protocols.
  - Partner with the Rural EMS committee to promote pediatric rural EMS research and education.
  - Explore adding more pediatric content to the Medical Directors course
  - Expand pediatric educational resources on the committee website
  - Continue to expand BaseCamp Communication
  - Continue to build liaisons with other NAEMSP committees



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### **New Business**

- **Incoming –**
  - Stacy Connolly -- Idaho

### **Old Business**

- **Ongoing planning for Work Plan**
  - Review of Basecamp info and projects
- **State Reports – decision on format**
  - Council decided to make an the format an agenda item at the next full council meeting.
  - Morgan will send out template choices for a vote.
- **June Meeting agenda**
  - An abbreviated full council meeting will be held in June to discuss possible agenda topics for in-person meeting
- **Agenda for August in-person meeting**
  - Partner updates, new ED Peds Ready Checklist, EMSC Priorities in State Regs
  - Safe Transport slide deck
  - Joint council section with Trauma council on Pediatric Trauma development study
  - Any additional suggestions should be submitted to Morgan

### **Adjourn**

Morgan adjourned the meeting at 3:12 EST