



# Pediatric Emergency Care Council

## Goals and Strategic Directions 2013



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The **Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PECC)** of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NAEMSO) maintains a vision to improve health outcomes for children by promoting an emergency medical care system that addresses the unique needs of children. This is achieved through a mission to provide leadership, promote policies and research, and share resources to improve the emergency medical care system for children.

***Leadership** refers to the role of state EMS offices as “lead agencies” for EMS as well as thoughtful leaders in public policy development. State EMS offices are looked to by the EMS community for guidance and approval, as well as regulation and licensure. NAEMSO works to support EMS officials nationwide in understanding and implementing processes that improve EMS practice and subsequent patient outcomes.*

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports leadership under these principal goals:

- **Goal #1:** Establish and maintain cohesive relationships with NAEMSO councils and committees and professional organizations
- **Goal #2:** Collaborate with the Education and Professional Standards Council on recommendations for core and continuing education standards
- **Goal #3:** Establish and maintain partnerships with state, regional and federal organizations for continued injury prevention collaboration
- **Goal #4:** Collaborate with leadership of HRSA/MCHB in managing challenges for states related to the federal EMSC program and other national initiatives relating to quality emergency pediatric care for children

***Systems Development** refers to the role of state EMS offices in the development of effective systems of emergency medical care. The growing national awareness of the importance of coordinated systems of care places NAEMSO squarely in a leadership role, demonstrating the need for state offices to coordinate the disparate functions that support effective systems. Such functions include Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMS), communications systems; regional asset coordination in daily operations and in natural and man-made disasters; EMS data collection, analysis and reporting; and ongoing review and refinement of systems operations.*

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports systems development under these principle goals:

- **Goal #5:** Provide states with a listing of linkages or references to best practices for emergency pediatric care
- **Goal #6:** Collaborate with the Trauma Managers Council on their prioritized action areas, including rural trauma, telemedicine, and special populations



*Quality Improvement or “QI” is the process of continually reviewing, assessing and refining practices to improve outcomes. The steps of developing an effective cycle of collecting high quality data, reviewing it in proven multidisciplinary processes, identifying strategies to implement needed changes and communicating them to all stakeholders are the key to QI success, and to subsequently improving patient outcomes.*

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council supports quality improvement under these principle goals:

- **Goal #7:** Identify quality indicators to evaluate and improve pediatric emergency care across the continuum of EMS Systems

The Pediatric Emergency Care Council’s 2013 workplan will undertake strategies focused on the following issues:

- [Issue #1] – Maintain Safely Transporting Children in Emergency Vehicles document
- [Issue #2] – Maintain online resources for family-centered care, children with special health care needs and & children in disasters
- [Issue #3] – Maintain State of the State Reports
- [Issue #4] – Continue work on mentorship program



## 2013 Workplan

### Goals, Objectives and Action Steps

**Goal #1:** Establish and maintain cohesive relationships with NASEMSO councils and committees and professional organizations

**Objective/Strategy:** PECC leadership will actively participate on the NASEMSO Board of Directors, maintain committee and work group involvement, provide liaisons to outside organizations concerning pediatric emergency care, and explore other opportunities for collaboration with other NASEMSO councils.

PECC will provide NASEMSO with pediatric expert representation in order to support the organization's vision, mission and goals, as well as advocate for best practices in the care and advocacy for children, youth and families.

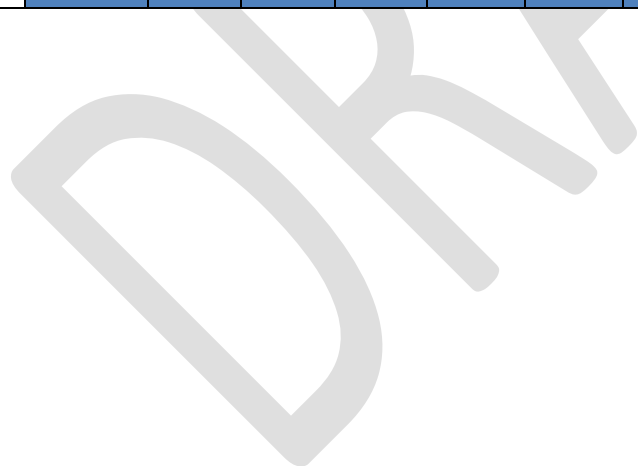
Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
PECC Chair will serve on the NASEMSO Board of Directors (BoD)	Chair (Chair-Elect as alternate)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Travel for Board Retreat
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the Rural EMS Committee / Joint Committee on Rural EMS Care (JCREC)	Dave Bohr	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the Domestic Preparedness (DP) Committee	David Edwards	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee	Tomi St. Mars & Katrina Altenhofen	Ongoing	Ongoing	Travel
PECC liaison will continue to participate on AAP Committees (PEPP, COPEM, SOEM)	Cyndy Wright Johnson & TBD	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a (Cyndy's EMSC budget covers COPEM; \$2000)
PECC will explore NASEMSO committee and work groups with pediatric concerns	PEC Council	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
PECC will respond to NASEMSO requests for liaisons as membership and funding are able to support	PEC Council & NASEMSO Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the Agency & Vehicle Licensure (AVL) Committee & Model Vehicle Rules & Design (MVRAD) Committee	Steve Mrozowski & Katrina Altenhofen	Ongoing	Ongoing	Travel for MVRAD

Task	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	done
PECC Chair will serve on the NASEMSO BoD													
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the JCREC													
PECC liaison will continue to participate on the DP Committee													



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**Goal #2:** Collaborate with Education and Professional Standards Council (EPSC) on recommendations for core and continuing education standards

**Objective/Strategy:** Ensure pediatric content and pediatric competencies inclusion within both core and continuing education standards for the scope of practice at each level of EMS provider.

PECC members will facilitate implementation of pediatric competencies within national educational core and continuing education standards to include evidence based recommendations, educational research, and curricula developed with pediatric experts included.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Meet with EPSC at NASEMSO Annual Meeting to review joint goals and prioritization of joint objectives	PECC & EPSC leadership	Sept 2013		Included in AM budget
Via the NASEMSO website, share pediatric education resources with existing NASEMSO councils developed with pediatric expert input	PECC members provide linkages to resources NASEMSO to post to PECC site	Nov 2013	Ongoing	n/a
Serve on Annual Meeting Planning Committee to promote pediatric emergency care education research presentations at NASEMSO meetings	PECC Member TBD	Sept 2013		Faculty travel & per diem

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Use NASEMSO website to share pediatric education resources with existing NASEMSO councils													
Serve on Annual Meeting Planning Committee to promote pediatric emergency care education research presentations													



**Goal #3:** Establish and maintain partnership with state, regional and federal organizations for continued injury prevention (IP) collaboration

**Objective/Strategy:** Maintain partnerships within each state and expand partnerships with new organizations and agencies. Maintain partnerships with injury prevention resources at regional and federal organizations to include governmental agencies, university based programs, professional associations and grass roots organizations.

Share existing working partnerships from state to state and explore new partnerships focused on injury prevention for children and families within the wider community. Where they exist, injury prevention programs should be based upon evidence-based practice and research.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Develop partnerships and establish formal communication with state contacts in Safe State Alliance (formerly STIPTA) IP programs and identify those funded by Core Injury Grants (CDC)	PECC members	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
Integrate EMSC Managers into state IP programs and network EMSC Regions into the CDC 5 COIP networks	PECC members with CDC Injury project contacts (regional and states)	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
Determine members of PECC workgroup to review existing injury prevention curricula for EMS providers from state and federal resources for current content and resources	PECC Steering Committee NASEMSO Staff	May 2013		n/a

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**Goal #4:** Collaborate with leadership of HRSA/MCHB in managing challenges for states related to the Federal EMSC Program and other national initiatives relating to quality emergency pediatric care for children

**Objective/Strategy:** To provide constructive input into evolution of the Federal EMSC Program and collaboration with federal partners in meeting EMSC program challenges from the state EMS office perspective. To provide support and expertise for national initiatives related to evaluating and improving pediatric emergency care.

Share practical challenges faced by state EMS offices in pursuing national EMSC performance measures.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Provide input in collaboration with State Directors to HRSA/MCHB in regard to current and future EMSC performance measures	PECC Steering Committee NASEMSO Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
Foster regular dialogue with the HRSA/MCHB Branch Chief in charge of the Federal EMSC Program	PECC Steering Committee	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a
Assist with Pediatric Readiness Project	PECC Membership	Ongoing	Ongoing	n/a

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**Goal #5:** Provide states with a listing of linkages or references to best practices for emergency pediatric topics

**Objective/Strategy:** To provide pediatric best practice, evidence-based guidelines and research findings on pediatric resources that can be archived for new and existing membership of NASEMSO members.

Use NASEMSO website to share and archive resources on high priority pediatric topics. **Resources include:** guidelines, policies, tools and forms, program brochures, web resources and teaching resources.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Identify a mechanism to review and vet pediatric projects and resources for PECC and other council membership	PECC Steering Committee NASEMSO Staff	Dec 2013		None
Share resources on Family-Centered Care (FCC), children with special health care needs (CSHCN), and pediatric disaster resources through the PECC documents section of NASEMSO website	PECC Subcommittees NASEMSO Staff	Quarterly	Ongoing	None

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Identify a mechanism to review and vet posting of pediatric resources for PECC and other council membership													X
Share resources on FCC, CSHCN, and disaster preparedness through the PECC documents section of NASEMSO website													



**Goal #6:** Collaborate with Trauma Managers Council (TMC) on their prioritized action areas, including rural trauma, telemedicine, and special populations

**Objective/Strategy:** Through ongoing collaboration with the Trauma Managers Council, serve on committees and task forces to ensure that pediatric trauma issues and concerns are included in projects, document review and educational programs.

The needs of children, youth and families will be included in projects, policy statements and educational programs whether NASMEO is asked to supported outside organizations or NASEMSO is the primary author.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Meet with the Trauma Manager Council at the Annual Meeting for review of joint goals and prioritization of joint objectives	PECC & TMC leadership NASEMSO Staff	Sept 2013		Included in meeting fees
Discuss with the Trauma Managers if a PECC representative can join the NASEMSO and ACS task force	PECC and TMC Chairs NASMEO Staff	Sept 2013		None

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Meet with the TMC at the Annual Meeting for review of joint goals and prioritization of joint objectives													X
Discuss with the Trauma Managers if a PECC representative can join the NASEMSO and ACS task force													



**Goal #7: Identify quality indicators (QI) to evaluate and improve pediatric emergency care across the continuum of EMS Systems**

**Objective/Strategy:** Ongoing evaluation of pediatric emergency care through common NEMSIS data elements and QI indicators to improve pediatric emergency care, regional and state benchmarking in pediatrics, and share QI process successes.

Identify pediatric performance indicators to aid in the evaluation and improvement of pediatric emergency care.

Task	Responsibility	Due Date	Done	Budget
Collaborate with NEDARC to identify pediatric data elements within NEMSIS that can evaluation state system pediatric care	PECC Steering Committee NEDARC staff	Ongoing		n/a
Create joint pediatric data workgroup to compare common data elements within NEMSIS and identify one QI project for 2012-2014 work plan	PECC Steering Committee	Sept 2013		n/a
Pediatric data workgroup to provide some guidance on use of the indicators	PECC & DM data workgroup	Dec 2013		n/a
Share state specific pediatric indicators with available data and QI process successes	PECC membership	Dec 2013		n/a

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**Parked Issues** – Numerous issues and strategies are on the council’s radar, but are currently parked due to various reasons – awaiting completion of dependent activities; currently no champions to assign this to; limited funding, etc.

As practical, these will be moved up into the 2012-2014 workplan or carried into the next year.

**Goal:** Determine Set of Questions to include in the 2014 National EMS Assessment

**Objective/Strategy:** With a new National EMS Assessment occurring in 2014, PECC wants to discuss items for potential inclusion in the Assessment

Task	Responsibility										Due Date	Done	Budget

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