

NASEMSO Medical Directors Council

Pediatric Specialty Medical Direction

MDC Listserv Question: January 19, 2015

QUESTION:

Does your state have Pediatric Specialty EMS Medical Directors either:

- 1) at the State EMS Medical Director Level
- 2) at the Regional EMS Medical Director Level
- 3) at the Agency Medical Director Level

State	Respondent	Role	Response	Comments
AK	Ken Zafren, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, FAWM	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	The State EMS Medical Director is paid on an hourly basis. We have pediatric representation on the state advisory committee and in EMSC. We meet the EMSC recommendation for online pediatric medical direction with the help of our fantastic pediatric intensivists who take calls any time from prehospital providers in need of pediatric specialty consultation or direction.
AL	Katherine Dixon Hert	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	We have pediatric medical director in Alabama but only as dictated by the EMSC State Partnership grant guidance. She is not considered state, regional, or agency level. Pediatric representation on our EMS Advisory Board and State Emergency Medical Control Committee are mandated by legislation.
CT	Richard Kamin, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	No to all, unless the the medical director for any one EMS agency happens to be a pediatrician (do not collect specific data on the declared specialty of each EMS service's medical director). Although I am sure there are other pediatricians in the state who provide guidance to agencies, there is one particular doc in CT who is a member of the state medical advisory committee who shoulders the brunt of work, deserving of a special place/reward for his commitment. He is a tremendous asset and advocate.
DE	MarySue Jones, RN, MS	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Delaware does not have official Pediatric EMS Medical Directors but our EMSC Advisory Committee chairperson is a pediatric ED physician and is consulted by our EMS Medical Directors on anything related to pediatrics and also has a voting seat on our state EMS Advisory Council.

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FL	Joe Nelson, MD	MDC	1) Yes 2) No 3) No	
IA	Katrina Altenhofen	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Iowa has required by code that each authorized service have a medical director, but do not stipulate what that medical director's background is to be-emergency medicine etc. Most of Iowa's physicians however are family practitioners.
ID	Erin Shumard	PECC	1) Yes 2) No 3) No	Idaho does not have a State Medical Director, that role is filled by the EMS Physician Commission (11 members, including one member from the American Academy of Pediatrics).
IL	Evelyn Lyons, RN, MPH	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Illinois has a State Pediatric Prehospital Committee that is comprised of pediatric emergency medicine physicians, nurses and EMTs. This committee is responsible for reviewing and updating the statewide pediatric prehospital protocols, and also drafts language changes for prehospital sections of the EMS rules and regulations. The committee provides a standing report up to the Illinois EMSC Advisory Board (which meets quarterly) and provides guidance on pediatric prehospital issues. The State EMS Advisory Council will typically refer pediatric related issues to the Illinois EMSC Advisory Board for follow-up.
IN	Elizabeth Weinstein, MD, FAAEM, FACEP, FAAP	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) Yes	<p>There is no pediatric medical director for the state. (Indiana JUST actually enacted legislation so there is an EMS medical director for the state.)</p> <p>There is no regional pediatric medical director</p> <p>There are pediatric medical directors at the Agency level. I have served in this position for the last 5 years for Indianapolis EMS, the largest agency in the state, servicing a population of about 1 million people. In addition, we work with other agencies in surrounding counties to ensure some uniformity of protocols. There may be additional pediatric medical directors in the state but I am unaware of them.</p> <p>Finally, there is a pediatric specific position on the Technical Advisory Committee to the State EMS commission.</p>

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LA	Rose Johnson	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	There is a pediatrician on my advisory committee but not at any of the state or service level unless the medical director happens to be a pediatrician but I don't believe there are any at all.
MD	Richard Alcorta, MD Cyndy Wright Johnson, MSN, RN (additions)	MDC PECC	1) Yes 2) Yes 3) No	<p>Maryland has the following: (1) State EMS medical Director (2) State Associate Pediatric EMS Medical Director (50% part-time, year to year contract, state funded, no benefits) (5) Regional EMS Medical Directors (5) Regional Pediatric EMS medical Directors (stipend w/state funds to a max of \$2,5000/year) challenge to find and maintain rural position</p> <p>There is a Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (open to public) that provides pediatric specific guidance to the State Protocol Review Committee, serves as the EMSC Advisory committee to the State Partnership Grant, serves as faculty for the PEPP and APLS courses. There is a separate Pediatric Quality Improvement Committee (closed meeting and protected from discovery) that is responsible for pediatric specific QA reviews (e.g. Pediatric Arrest, Pediatric RSI, Pediatric Trauma triage compliance) and provides the EMS Base Station course for all pediatric specialty centers and pediatric transport teams.</p>
MO	Brian Froelke	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	<p>Missouri has a Pediatric Subcommittee of the State Advisory Committee for EMS with participating pediatric physicians. We also have a state-based disaster medical team with the role of Pediatric Medical Advisor who is Peds EM boarded. Our Pediatric transport team Medical Directors and team tend to act in the role of pediatric advisors and educators for the regions. No official Medical Director titles, state, region nor agency that I am aware of.</p>

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NC	McKenzie Beamer	PECC	1) Yes 2) No 3) No	
NE	Donald T. Rice, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	For specialty calls a pedi crew is put onboard either ground or air transport but even the primary EMS Medical Director is not pediatrics. This doesn't mean the EMS medical director covers pediatric specialty cases. In Nebraska we have statewide accepted guidelines for treatment and care. Crews do not routinely engage in online medical command. A pediatrics specialty crew would be under the control of the sending physician while the ambulance or helicopter would simply be viewed as a transport mechanism. Because of how our rules and regs are designed and the autonomy EMS is given while operating, there hasn't been much thought to a subdivision of a subspecialty.
NJ	Eric Hicken, CPM, EMT-P	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	We have no medical director at the State level only at the agency level and no pediatric specific medical director.
NM	Brian Moore, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) Yes	NM does not have an official Medical Director for the EMS-C program. It is a de facto position through the "Partnership" part of the Partnership grant. No official designation.
NY	Martha Gohlke	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	
OH	Carol Cunningham, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	If proposed, I doubt if there are funds in the budget to adequately support such a position
PA	Doug Kupas, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Our Medical Advisory Committee (a committee of the PA Emergency Health Service Council, our advisory council) has a pediatric emergency physician from one of the children's hospitals in the state as a member. She is the go to person on the committee for pediatric issues. The members of this MAC serve voluntarily and do not have a state position, title, or employment.

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RI	Kenneth Williams, MD	MDC	1) Yes 2) No 3) No	RI has hired a pediatric EM physician as a consultant to the DOH EMS Division (started about 3 years ago). There is also a seat on our Ambulance Service Advisory Board for a representative of AAP (appointment by Governor, unpaid) that has been a PEM person for many years.
TN	Joe Holley, MD	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	TN does have a strong and active COPEC presence
TX	Sam Vance, BA, NRP	PECC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Texas does not have a State Pediatric Medical Director and just recently appointed a State "Medical Advisor" to represent Texas at NASEMSO and other national organizations. There is pediatric representation on the Medical Director's Committee of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council as well as the Pediatric Committee that makes recommendations to the Council. To my knowledge, there are no Pediatric or Adult Regional EMS Medical Director's in Texas. The Houston Fire Department and the Austin/Travis County EMS are the only two departments that I am aware of that have a Pediatric specific Assistant Medical Director position for their departments.

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VA	George Lindbeck, MD, FACEP	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	I serve as state medical director on a part-time basis so, as others have indicated, it would be unlikely for there to be adequate resources to support a dedicated pediatric position. We have significant participation of pediatric EMS and EM physicians on our state advisory board and standing committees such as EMSC, so I haven't been aware of concerns about lack of representation or lack of opportunity for input. We have a few pediatric critical care, peds EM, and even neonatologists involved with our specialty transport teams, associated with academic centers or larger hospital systems. Our requirements for agency medical directors require licensure to practice in VA, and if not EM boarded, "merit badge" courses such as PALS, ATLS and ACLS. A licensed physician can apply to be an agency medical director and bypass those requirements if they have specific expertise in a limited area, such as a neonatologist directing a NETS team only transporting neonates and not providing 911 emergency services.
WA	Lynn Wittwer	MDC	1) No 2) No 3) No	Washington has County Medical Program Directors; none are pediatricians, to my knowledge. The Governor's EMS and Trauma Steering committee has a Pediatric Technical Advisory sub-committee the meets quarterly, and makes yearly recommendations to the EMS and Trauma system (Protocols, educational, etc)