



# Minutes

**Meeting:** EMSC Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting

**Date:** April 15, 2021

**Location:** Virtual

<b>Meeting called by</b>		Kjelsey Polzin	
<b>Time</b>		<b>Start time</b> 12:00 pm	<b>End time</b> 1:47 pm
<b>Attendees</b>		Julia Bennett (School Nurse Organization of MN [SNOM]), Dan DeSmet (Upper Sioux Community Police), Dr. Anna DePompolo (Children's Minnesota), Kirk Hughes (MN Poison Control System), Dr. Paula Kocken (EMSC and Children's Minnesota), Jim Levi (independent EMS educator), Dr. Mark Mannenbach (Mayo Clinic Pediatric Trauma Center, Rochester), Kjelsey Polzin (EMSC), Tony Spector (Minnesota EMS Regulatory Board [EMSRB]), Cori Sybrant (North Memorial Health Care) and Melissa Winger (EMSC Family Representative)	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Group Updates and Pulse of Group</b>		
<b>Discussions</b>	<p>The group introduced themselves and shared a fun fact or answered an icebreaker question.</p> <p>Thank you, Melissa for sharing an update on your son, Devin. We are so sorry to hear about all the challenges experienced this year. "At the end of the day, all you need is hope and strength. Hope that it will get better and strength to hold on until it does." Wishing you both all the best, hang in there!</p> <p>Update: Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA) is planning on hosting their annual conference in-person this year. It will be Friday and Saturday, September 17-18th in Morton, MN (Jackpot Junction Casino). They want us to provide an educator for a session on Saturday, September 18th for one hour (4:15pm - 5:15pm). Please let Kjelsey know ASAP if interested.</p>		

	<p>Heartland EMSC Coalition (HECC) had another successful virtual pediatric symposium on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was an evening with experts who helped explain how to spring into action for children in an acute mental or behavioral crisis. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive (98.8% rated it as “excellent or good”) and attendance records proved that 638 people watched for over 120 minutes and 28 more watched for over 60 minutes. Watch the replay here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_ZSZmsT95Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_ZSZmsT95Q</a></p> <p>HECC is planning on hosting a summer symposium in July or August and one in the fall. More details to come.</p> <p>MANY THANKS to all of you for helping us with the EMSC EMS Survey. We were able to get 43.5% of Minnesota EMS agencies to complete the short survey on Performance Measures 02 and 03. (<i>Reminder PM 02: Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) – Peds Champion and PM 03: Use of Pediatric-specific Equipment</i>). This thank you video was sent to all respondents <a href="#">2021 EMS for Children Survey Thank You - YouTube</a>. There hasn't been a date set on when results will be available.</p>
	EMSC Initiatives and Projects
<b>Topic</b>	<b>EMSC Day 2021</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Kjelsey provided details of the upcoming confirmed things happening on EMSC Day, Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:</p> <p>~ EMSC Laugh N Learn on EMS Provider Resilience – Noon to 1pm CST. This FREE online comedic hour for first responders and EMS providers will feature Clincy from EMScapades and will provide participants with 1 EMS CEU. Flyer is attached and registration is here: <a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vvKNEd1tSvOckKccV4XQfA">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vvKNEd1tSvOckKccV4XQfA</a></p> <p>~ North Memorial Health Air Care is hosting a FREE 2021 Virtual Spring Conference and it is all on pediatric topics. Our very own, Dr. Paula Kocken and Jim Levi, will be presenting “Stabilizing the Unresponsive Pediatric Patient – Infant to Teen” from 7-8pm. Appreciate you both representing EMSC! Kjelsey will double check with North on audience for the conference.</p> <p><b>UPDATE: Due to scheduling conflicts, only Dr. Kocken will be presenting at this event now. Kjelsey confirmed that any first responder, EMS provider, or emergency/trauma nurse is invited to attend. The flyer is attached and registration can be found here:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-air-care-spring-conference-virtual-event-2021-tickets-150617122869">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-air-care-spring-conference-virtual-event-2021-tickets-150617122869</a></p>

	<p>The group discussed what things Minnesota EMSC would like to do for EMSC Day. The Thank You cards that have been done the last several years was suggested and unanimously decided these should be created this year. Since schools have experienced so many unforeseeable challenges this past year, partnering with local schools is out. Suggestions for groups of children to complete the cards included: girl and boy scouts, church youth groups, community centers, homeschool associations, and Child Life programs within trauma centers. Completed thank you cards will be mailed to every EMS agency and will be incorporated into the EMSC Day 2021 Thank You Video. For all things related to our special day, please check this out: <a href="https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/ems-week/spread-word/">https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/ems-week/spread-word/</a></p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All members will share the pediatric training opportunities and encourage people to sign up.</li> <li>✓ All members will reach out to their contacts/connections of groups to complete the cards.</li> <li>✓ Kjelsey will send out the templates for the cards to the committee (available in two versions - one for younger kids and one for older children/youth).</li> <li>✓ Please return cards by Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to either address.</li> </ul> <p><i>Kjelsey Polzin</i> 1023 Orchard Ave. St. Paul, MN 55103</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><i>EMSC MN</i> <i>Business Office</i> 5901 Lincoln Drive, CBC-3-ADV Edina, MN 55436</p> <p><b>Update: Deadline for cards was extended to Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<p><b>Topic</b></p>	<p>EMSC Project Updates: <b>EMSC MN Website</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>We have selected Iceberg Web Design to create and host our new website. Things are running smoothly so far. Currently, we are in Phase One which is content design and ensuring resources have appropriate links. We anticipate having a landing page ready by EMSC Day (May 19). Kjelsey informed the group that pictures and stories are greatly needed to enhance the website layout. Dr. Kocken and Tony volunteered to take some pictures of kids at West Health. Folks from Danny's Does and local EMS agencies were also suggested.</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pictures of children, children in emergencies, past trainings, children with special needs, providers in uniform, etc. are needed. Please send to Kjelsey ASAP.</li> <li>✓ We really need stories of how EMSC has impacted your life or feedback or a parent's reflection or what the value of EMSC is to MN or any other personal story. It will be completely anonymous on the website.</li> </ul>

<b>Topic</b>	EMSC Project Updates: <b>Virtual Pediatric Training Opportunities</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Hosting training sessions online have become the new normal. Kjelsey informed the group that we have access to Zoom webinar with a maximum capacity of 1000. Our committee consists of amazing experts so have all required ingredients to provide virtual pediatric training opportunities for various audiences. Discussion pursued on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ child physical abuse</li> <li>~ pediatric poisoning</li> <li>~ communication cards</li> <li>~ special needs &amp; Autism</li> <li>~ pediatric assessment triangle basics</li> <li>~ disaster preparedness</li> <li>~ child seizures</li> <li>~ dealing with patient changes in route</li> <li>~ medical legal issues</li> </ul> <p>Thank you all for your great ideas, suggestions and topics. We are able to accomplish any or all of them.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ We will continue discussions on this and will commence work to create frequent virtual training opportunities from EMSC.</li> </ul>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP)</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The largest initiative to improve the readiness of Emergency Departments (EDs) to care for children in the US starts next week (May 2021). In the last national assessment, Minnesota achieved an impressive 100% response rate so it would be great to get close to that again to allow equal comparison. Our grant's goal is to achieve an 80% response rate. We will be sending out pre-invitations via mail next week and send out email invitations the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The website portal is currently open and the assessment goes through July 31, 2021. We will survey all facilities with a 24/7 ED including IHS and Tribal hospitals.</p> <p>The following topics/ideas were suggested for promotion strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Utilize our EMS Pediatric Champions as advocates especially in rural communities.</li> <li>~ Work with the MN Hospital Association and write an article to be published in their newsletter.</li> <li>~ Reach out to Kevin Miller from the MN Hospital Association to encourage participation.</li> <li>~ Partner with Trauma Program Managers along with the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) to encourage participation.</li> <li>~ Work with EMS Fellowships Programs to get hospitals to complete the assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To complete the assessment and for more information, hospitals can go to: <a href="https://pedsready.org/">https://pedsready.org/</a>.</li> <li>• For additional help and resources related to Pediatric Readiness, please visit: <a href="https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/">https://emscimprovement.center/domains/pediatric-readiness-project/</a>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kjelsey will send invitations to all 133 hospitals with an ED.</li> <li>• All members will encourage hospitals to complete the Peds Ready assessment and reach out to Kjelsey with any questions.</li> </ul> <p>Update: The NPRP portal is now open and invitations have been sent. Kjelsey will provide a list of non-respondents to the AC towards the end of May for enhanced efforts to increase our response rate.</p>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The device, DeChoker, is a new piece of equipment that is available for pediatric choking. If you are interested in learning more about this, or would like a sample, please reach out to Tony.</p> <p>Comments were made about the appeal and preference of having the meetings on Zoom. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person for an AC meeting sometime this year but will keep the remote option.</p>
	Next Advisory Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, July 14th at 12:30pm.