



Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Grace Lutheran Outreach Center, Winchester, VA

1. Call to Order and Introductions. 1011am
2. Establish Quorum.-Quorum Established- Mary Menafra
3. President's Report: Erin Reeve
  - Today's meeting is sponsored by the Lord Fairfax Roadrunners chapter, and **EKR Therapeutics**. We thank both for their contributions to the meeting. EKR Therapeutics is sponsoring a dinner tonight at "Venice." I hope you sent your RSVP to Julie Hunsicker, and you will be staying for dinner, hearing Cathy Fox give a presentation on Management of Essential Hypertension.
  - We **welcome Melissa Hall**, from the Rappahannock chapter. She has moved up to the president-spot in place of Elizabeth Smith. There were concerns with lack of leadership, and Ms. Smith stepped down voluntarily.

### **Congratulations are in order!!**

- **Chris Parker** has been awarded the Regional EMS Award for Outstanding Nurse with Contribution to EMS. Congratulations, Chris!!
- **Janice McKay** has been awarded the EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Wellness and Safety. Congratulations, Janice!!
- **Cathy Fox** has been awarded the EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children. She has also won the election for the nominations committee with national ENA. Congratulations, Cathy!!
  
- On May 11, Cindy Hearrell, Renee Farmer, and I made our way to the Charlottesville area. **Thomas Jefferson EMS Council** nominated the Virginia ENA Government Affairs Committee for "Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety" regarding HB1690. The award is here for you to look at. There was a posting on Facebook about the award, with pictures.

- **General Assembly** is fast approaching. As you all know, today is the day for VA delegate submissions. The membership deadline for delegate numbers to be determined was May 15, 2011. Virginia is allotted 23 delegates and one alternate. Delegate registration deadline is August 19, and I will be inputting that data. The May issue of ENA Connection has an advance program for Annual Conference. I hope you all have had a chance to look at it. Registration is open for the conference and hotels. **Early bird registration closes August 5, 2011.**
- 2012 Leadership conference Abstracts are due 8/1. 2012 Annual Conference Faculty submissions are due October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to present, make sure you get your presentations submitted on time.
- Memorial submissions are due by September 2.
- Voting for national candidates was completed last Friday. I hope you all encouraged your members to vote for the new leaders of ENA. "Ask the Candidates" was a new feature this year, and not used very much. If you haven't seen election results, **Joann Lazarus** is our president-elect. **Deena Brecher** is our Secretary/treasurer, **Michael Moon**, director; **Karen Wiley**, director; **Ellen Encapera**, director; **Scott Stover**, **Cathy Fox**, **Ellen Ruja**, to the nominations committee, and **Tiffany Strever** has been elected past board member. We will be looking at our own leadership nominations for next year later in the meeting.
- At the last meeting, I announced that I needed volunteers to submit nominations for the seat on the Governors' Advisory Board. I did submit three names, and have not yet heard of the posting.
- Award nomination for Cindy Hearrell was sent in for the Gail P. Lenahan Advocacy Award.
- I spoke with Jean Proehl about the ultrasound guided peripheral insertion resolution. I told her that our council would sponsor, with provisions on education. She responded...that was a consideration, but we just want to get the procedure into ENA as a best practice, and then, work on the education aspect. I took this to the Board, and all agreed to sponsor the resolution. Jean was notified of VA ENA sponsoring this resolution.
- I participated in the state president's conference call in May. (See SPCC)
- Vidacare Scholarship applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Do send in your application if you are interested.
- Our next meeting is required for all delegates to attend. If you do not attend this meeting and are a chosen delegate, you will be removed from the list, unless you contact me before the meeting. Excuses include illness or work. Please request the date off for this meeting ahead of time. Matt Powers will be at this meeting, so do come to see him, and bring your questions

4. Secretary's Report: Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mary Menafra  
Approved as presented.
5. Treasurer's Report: Tom Earnest see attached- Balance 30,867.92
6. New Business:
  - A. New Law HB1690  
Attached letter reviewed at meeting and revised (which is attached).  
Look forward to partnering with VNA, ENA, VHHA- To move forward, Mary Menafra will set up meeting with ENA Leaders
  - B. Voting Results of National ENA Election- Officers for 2012 are:  
President Elect-JoAnn Lazarus, MSN, RN, CEN,  
Secretary/Treasurer- Deena Brecher, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CEN, CPEN  
Directors: Michael D. Moon, MSN, RN, CNS-CC, CEN, FAEN, Karen K. Wiley, MSN, RN, CEN, Ellen H. Encapera, RN, CEN,  
Nominations Committee: Region 2- Scott E. Stover, MSN, MBA, APRN-BC, CEN  
Region 4- Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN  
  
Region 6- Ellen E. Ruja, MSN, RN, CEN, FAEN,  
Past Board member- Tiffany Strever, BSN, RN, CEN
  - C. Delegate Training and Delegate Forms- Training will be online and different from last years,V Vote to have this as a mandatory session for all VA delegates – 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved: ALL VIRGINIA ENA MEMBERS ACTING AS DELEGATE WILL NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE ONLINE TRAINING SESSIONS FOR 2011.
  - D. Booth for Annual Conference- COST 200.00  
Booth will raffle SESS registration along with 2 nights lodging, dove quilt, plus 25.00 or more per chapter donation to support paying for SESS registration at the disgression of chapter- voted and approved.
  - E. Board of Directors 2012- Begin to think about Nominations for 2012: President-elect: Chris Parker, Jane Pugh; SECRETARY : Renee Farmer, Mary Menafra , TREASURER Tommy
  - F. SESS- 2012 IN VA, Update on plans to move forward to dissolve SESS as it exists today, and re-incorporate as a new SESS. Next SESS May 2-6, 2012 in Virginia Beach, with pre-sessions. Call for speakers will go out July 1, 2011. The Exhibit hall will only

be open May 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday sunset cruise, cinco de mayo party, room rate will be 119.00 city view or 139.00 water view.

7. Audrey Snyder: Haiti Presentation
8. Old Business
  - A. ENAF Jewelry Auction donation- Purchased 2 items: a ring and a locket, for the ENAF auction for a total of 160.28
  - B. Resolutions- There are many resolutions and so there will be a lot to discuss at the September meeting.
9. Committee Reports
  - A. Awards & Nominations: Jane Pugh- We have til June 30<sup>th</sup> to submit scholarship applications and August 1 to submit nominations for state awards. Information on VENA website.
  - B. Education- Cathy Fox:
    - **CATN II, CEN, & CPEN Review:** Cathy Fox: CEN: CEN Review hosted by NoVENA over 20 attendees melissa Weir is living in MD and she came over and taught class. CEN review June 16/17 after VENA State meeting hosted by Erins Chapter cancelled still did lecture WED evening on HTN crisis sponsored by EKR. .
    - CPEN: CPEN for Med-Ed in Northern Va in Arlington, Va close to DC May 10-11 flyers over 28 people attended, Bonnie Pruess heard about it and came, over 20 people from Va there, already to date 7 people have passed exam. Just this week Vanessa Johnson and Emma Hough from No Va PASSED!!!!!!!!!!!!
    - CATN: Mary Washington is hosted one April 2/3 at the hospital over 16 attendees. Central Virginia/CJW Henrico Doctors is doing one, Cathy Fox and Kelley Rumsey hosting: April 26/27. CLOSED we have 32 people. CATN II at SESS was cancelled. They are seriously thinking about changing this course to ON LINE, concerens surround losing interaction and group case studies presentations,
    - ENPC: Rollout will be this fall, took some test questions in Feb rather difficult, Triage is teaching station now in new edition----ENA voted to NOT put scenarios in book again, discussion at meeting regarding this. Also see ENPC report.
    - **Fundraising:** Will HAVE a booth in Tampa it was decided to raffle off beautiful blanket Erin is quilting red, white and blue with hope doves on it, Janice may have Christmas tree skirt, I have secured 2 nights lodging for VENA raffle and we (VENA) will donate a SESS registration 375.00 for ENA member. Each chapter was asked to donate what they could for the cost of registration. Remember if you are a DELEGATE you must work the booth.
    - **BCEN pilot program:** have conference call scheduled with VNA president Shirley Douglas July 11th will report at next meeting
    - **ENCARE:** My highlight was attending bill signing in Richmond date of April meeting, actually received actual pen from Del. Chris Stolle, have contacted his assistant to see idf we can do presentation in Williamsburg in October, recently had an EMSTAT video done on the Choking Game filmed at June Tidewater ENA meeting

- **EMSC for Children:** 4 more Chocking Game lectures over 350 people now over 3 in Richmond Petersburg area.
- **CPEN Review** book from ENA Final meeting held at Chicago office in printing and editing will release in Tampa

C.EMS Symposium: Steve Rasmussen- NO CHANGES- ALL ONLINE REGISTRATION TIS YEAR- THROUGH VA EMS WEBSITE.NOV- 9-13, 2011

D .TNCC: Betty Shumate ATTACH TNCC

E. ENPC: Audrey Snyder- (see attached report)

F. VA Conference/Education- Establish core group- 1 person from each chapter on the committee: Betty S., Tommy, Loretta, Melissa Hall, Wendy Frank, Vanessa, Toni Higgans, Erin, Brenda, Cassy..- Cathy resource. 2013, need a group chair- Melissa Hall has volunteered to chair, Tommy co-chair.

G. Injury Prevention: Mary McCue- see attached report as well- - SBIRT is found report under injury prevention- Gov signed a bill outlawing synthetic drugs, and another for no sex offenders allowed on school busses as of July 1. Toolkit on workplace violence. Choking Game- lectures .

H. Government Affairs: Renee Farmer- Health care reform focus on access.

I. Liaison Committees:

1. Governor's Advisory Board- no report
2. Virginia EMSC State Committee: Cathy Fox- meeting July 7; doing work with Dr, Remley .
3. Infant Mortality Taskforce: Cindy Hearrell; pregnancy verification project only 2 in state VCU and riverside that have signed up to do this electronically. Will bring more test for baby posters.

J. Website: Janice McKay- up to date and current....please send Janice info to post – remember document share section. 464 fans on FB page!

K. VASNA- working on next year's symposium

L. VENA Membership: Pat O'Donnell- no report

M. Fundraising: Cathy Fox,- reminder for booth deadline.

#### 10. Other Business?

- a. This year is past president's luncheon-in December, in C'ville. need to update addresses of past presidents.
- b. Print agendas and minutes 10 of each, for future meetings.
- c. Seven Hills Chapter will be doing a 1 day conference in October 20<sup>th</sup>? Focus on Peds.
- d. INOVA Fairfax 50yr anniversary June 24, 2010.

11. Adjourn 1400 Our next meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Richmond.

# Virginia Emergency Nurses Association

## Committee Report 2011

### June Report

**Name of Committee: Pediatric**

**Name of person reporting: Audrey Snyder**

**Recent or Planned committee activities:**

2011 Courses held or reports received since last report:

March 10, 2011 Central Virginia, 18 providers verified, 6 IPs

May 4, 2011 7 Hills, 11 providers verified 1 IP

May 12, 2011 Central Virginia, 4 providers verified

May 21, 2011 NOVA Lorrie St. Laurent, 31 providers verified, 2 IPs

May 23, 2011 Roanoke, 5 providers verified 1 IP

Courses Approved by ENA for 2011:

Course Number	Director	Location	Est. Attendees	Start	End
PI20110629-47A	Audrey Snyder	St. Mary's Hospital	9	06/29/2011	6/29/2011
PP20110714-47B	Root Natalie M	Mary Washington Hospital	10	07/14/2011	07/15/2011
PP20110714-47A	Bellows Bonnie Mae	St Mary's Hospital	12	07/14/2011	07/15/2011
PP20110901-47A	Bellows Bonnie Mae	St Mary's Hospital	12	09/01/2011	09/02/2011

**Missing materials monthly report** will go to state leaders.  
ENA gave 1,000 grant for ENPC/TNCC to each state.

**Addendum to ENPC/TNCC Administrative procedures** are at this link:

<http://www.ena.org/COURSESANDEDUCATION/CATNII-ENPC-TNCC/TNCC/Pages/Default.aspx>

ENA distributed **new course director financial account statements** in March. The initial mailing of the statements included a letter of explanation. The statements are now being sent out to course directors on a monthly basis and include any outstanding invoices and/or unapplied credits on courses held by that course director. Statements that reflect a credit balance total will be sent only on a quarterly basis. The goal is to provide complete information on a timely basis so that course directors can stay informed and keep their accounts up to date. The plan is to have these statements sent via email eventually, but in the meantime they will be arriving by postal mail. Initial feedback has been very positive.

August 10, 2011 is next **conference call**. If you have any concerns please let Audrey know.

Please mail **pediatric summary reports** to Audrey Snyder at her home, not work address:  
1451 Garth Run Rd, Madison, VA 22727

The ENPC rollout will start in the Fall and will be on line.

# VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

## Bimonthly Chapter Report

2011

**Date of report:** June 10, 2011

**Chapter Name:** Central Virginia ENA

**Person completing information:** Mary Menafra

**Position on chapter board:** President

**Number of ENA members in chapter:** 207

**Chapter Meeting Schedule (monthly/bimonthly):**

Feb 10 Memorial Regional Medical Center,

April 6, (not held)

June 16- with presentation at Sam Miller's Richmond.

September 13,

October 18, voting

December 7...places TBA

**Average attendance of members at meetings:** 10

**Recent or Planned chapter activities:**

TNCC classes

**Chapter members who deserve recognition and why:**

Thanks to betty Shumate for assisting with TNCC in Winchester

**Any specific chapter related activity not addressed:**

**Any specific National or Regional ENA related activity involvement:**

# VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

## Bimonthly Chapter Report

2011

Date of report: **June 12, 2011**

Chapter Name: **Seven Hills ENA**

Person completing information: **Christopher L. Parker**

Position on chapter board: **President**

Number of ENA members in chapter: **125**

Chapter Meeting Schedule (monthly/bimonthly):

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**All Meetings are at 1830 hours. Location to be decided by President**

Average attendance of members at meetings: **May 10, 2011 (15 members)**

Recent or Planned chapter activities:

**Pediatric Critical Care Conference on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lynchburg General**

Chapter members who deserve recognition and why:

Any specific chapter related activity not addressed:

- 1. Chapter Bylaws sent to Matt Powers for insight.**
- 2. Chapter Procedures are being written now.**

Any specific National or Regional ENA related activity involvement:

# VIRGINIA EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

## Bimonthly Chapter Report

2011

**Date of report: June 13, 2011**

**Chapter Name: Tidewater ENA**

**Person completing information: Antoinette Higgins**

**Position on chapter board: President 2011**

**Number of ENA members in chapter: 280-290 (per Pat O'Donnell)**

**Chapter Meeting Schedule (monthly/bimonthly): Monthly (no meeting in April, July, and August)**

Meetings occur on the second Monday of the month. Meetings will occur on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in October 2011.

**Average attendance of members at meetings: approximately 20**

**Recent or Planned chapter activities:**

Chapter members, Janice McKay and Loretta Martin, participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike MS Ride. Loretta Martin and Janice McKay are also planning for the Komen races.

**Chapter members who deserve recognition and why:**

Tidewater EMS Award: Contribution to EMS Health and Safety: Janice McKay

Tidewater EMS Award: Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children: Cathy Fox

TEMS EMS Award: Outstanding Emergency Nurse - Denise Baylous

National Election: ENA Nominations Committee: Cathy Fox

**Any specific chapter related activity not addressed:**

Several educational events, most recently TNCC: June 11-12

**Any specific National or Regional ENA related activity involvement:**

Kathleen Carlson, 2011 National Board of Directors

ENA Nominations Committee: Cathy Fox

Cathy Fox and Loretta Martin: Planning for SESS

12/10/11

VENA TNCC COMMITTEE REPORT

Time frame-- Jan 1,2011-May 15,2011

As reported at the April 5,2011 VENA meeting,"No report because all data not in from classes." Data from TNCC classes as follows:

Provider classes— 17

Participants-----217.

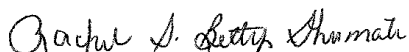
Instructor class x1. 3 new ICs.

A letter was sent to all course directors detailing specifics about our classes. There seem to be more and more issues regarding security of test, proper procedures, lack of timely payments to National ENA, and incomplete paperwork through the nation. Some of the above have been noted in Virginia. I will continue to review all paperwork for our state and address any specific concerns directly with the course director . Virginia has a very nice reputation with National and I do not wish to see that destroyed. Lack of attention to paperwork , lack of knowledge of administrative procedures, not staying current with course operation's policies, and perhaps being just a bit to hasty to get paperwork done, is not acceptable to quality courses.

There was a National conference call on May5, 2011, for TNCC/ENPC of which both Audrey and I participated. Some of the issues listed above were discussed as well as processes that are being either put in place or need further developing. The minutes are available on the web site for course directors and I suggest they be reviewed and shared with all instructors.


Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel S. (Betty ) Shumate RN,CEN,CPEN  
VENA 2011 Trauma Chair

## EMSC Grant

- OEMS started a new EMSC State Partnership Grant “year” on March 1 with funding of \$130,000. Financial reporting for the previous grant year and a required progress report are due June 1<sup>st</sup>, and a carryover request for unspent amounts will be due soon after that—all now processed through HRSA’s Electronic Handbook (EHB). HRSA of course stands for the Health Resource and Services Administration, and funding for EMSC is currently funneled through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) within HRSA.
  - Beyond funding EMSC State Partnership Grants for all 50 states and 6 US protectorates (one per entity), HRSA also funds two support organizations for EMSC grantees, a number of EMSC Targeted Issues Grants and a research entity called the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN). The two support organizations are the EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) based in Maryland and housed within the Children’s National Medical Center, and the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) based in Utah. The EMSC Targeted Issues Grants are competitively awarded, usually to academic centers that may or may not partner with others.
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- HRSA recently reduced the scope of operations of the NRC (also a grantee) by bringing many of its responsibilities (and some of its personnel) back to HRSA. This has been a distinct change and is still sorting itself out... The NRC now only deals with:
    - developing EMSC resources that are not performance measures related
    - support of the EMSCs Family Advisory Network (FAN)
    - representing EMSC interests in regard to other national organization partnerships
  - HRSA is now the contact point for:
    - grants management and financial questions
    - electronic handbook issues
    - carryover and no cost extension requests
    - questions related to NGAs (notice of grant award)
    - response to NGA conditions
    - requests for exemption from performance measures data collection
    - requests for acknowledgement of meeting performance measures
    - state site visits
    - general technical assistance with performance measures
    - assistance to EMSC regions
    - EMSC manager mentoring program
    - assistance with performance measures implementation
    - strategic planning for state EMSC programs
    - assistance with action steps from site visits
    - Town Hall conference calls
  - NEDARC (a contractor) continues within its original scope, providing:
    - Assistance with EMSC State Partnership surveys

- Assistance with EMSC data collection
  - Data analysis from surveys
  - Data-related workshops
  - Assistance with state and national data systems
- Historically HRSA has included FAN representatives (*currently Petra Connell for VA*), EMSC program Medical Directors (*currently Terry Guins for VA*), EMSC program Principal Investigators (*currently Paul Sharpe for VA*), state EMS representatives (*currently Gary Brown for VA*), NEDARC, NRC, PECARN and selected others in meeting with EMSC state managers at an Annual EMSC Grantees Program Meeting. This year HRSA has chosen to have only the EMSC managers (*currently David Edwards for VA*) gather in a focused 3-day meeting in Annapolis in early May. The assumption is that HRSA will again convene the larger group mentioned above in an Annual EMSC Program Meeting in 2012.
  - In review, the EMSC Committee of the Governor's EMS Advisory Board acts as an advisory committee to the Office of EMS EMS for Children (EMSC) Program, and the EMSC Manager for the Commonwealth sits on the EMSC Committee (and provides staff support).

### **EMSC Performance Measures**

- The EMSC National Performance Measures developed over the years by HRSA remain a work in progress; they were re-numbered and fine-tuned last year, and an updated list of the performance measures is shown below:

<b>Performance Measure 71</b>	<i>The percent of prehospital provider agencies in the state/territory that have on-line pediatric medical direction available from dispatch through patient transport to a definitive care facility.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 72</b>	<i>The percent of prehospital provider agencies in the state/territory that have off-line pediatric medical direction available from dispatch through patient transport to a definitive care facility.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 73</b>	<i>The percent of patient care units in the state/territory that have essential pediatric equipment and supplies as outlined in national guidelines.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 74</b>	<i>The percent of hospitals recognized through a statewide, territorial, or regional standardized system that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric medical emergencies.</i>

<b>Performance Measure 75</b>	<i>The percent of hospitals recognized through a statewide, territorial, or regional standardized system that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric traumatic emergencies.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 76</b>	<i>The percentage of hospitals in the state/territory that have written interfacility transfer guidelines that cover pediatric patients and that include pre-defined components of transfer.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 77</b>	<i>The percent of hospitals in the state/territory that have written interfacility transfer agreements that cover pediatric patients.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 78</b>	<i>The adoption of requirements by the state/territory for pediatric emergency education for license/certification renewal of BLS/ALS providers.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 79</b>	<i>The degree to which state/territories have established permanence of EMSC in the state/territory EMS system by establishing an EMSC Advisory Committee, incorporating pediatric representation on the EMS Board, and hiring a full-time EMSC manager.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 80</b>	<i>The degree to which state/territories have established permanence of EMSC in the state/territory EMS system by integrating EMSC priorities into statutes/regulations.</i>

- During December, January and February, surveying of EMS agencies and hospitals was conducted in collaboration with NEDARC. EMS agencies were queried in relation to Performance Measures 71, 72 and 73, while hospitals were queried in relation to Performance Measures 76 and 77. Once the data have been compiled and analyzed, results will be shared with EMSC Committee and be posted on the EMSC website.
- As part of the federal EMSC Progress Report due June 28<sup>th</sup>, EMSC programs will also be required to report on 5 additional MCHB Performance Measures (from HRSA) that previously were not required to be reported on by EMSC. These are shown below:

<b>Performance Measure 7</b>	<i>The degree to which MCHB-funded programs ensure family, youth, and consumer participation in program and policy activities.</i>
<b>Performance</b>	<i>The degree to which MCHB-funded programs have incorporated cultural and linguistic competence elements into their policies,</i>

<b>Measure 10</b>	<i>guidelines, contracts, and training.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 24</b>	<i>The degree to which MCHB-funded initiatives contribute to infrastructure development through core public health assessment, policy development and assurance functions.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 33</b>	<i>The degree to which MCHB-funded initiatives work to promote sustainability of their programs or initiatives beyond the life of MCHB funding.</i>
<b>Performance Measure 41</b>	<i>The degree to which grantees have assisted in developing, supporting, and promoting medical homes for MCH populations.</i>

### **NASEMSO -- Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PEC)**

- The National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is holding its mid-year meeting in Annapolis adjacent to the EMSC Program Managers Meeting the first week of May. The Pediatric Emergency Care (PEC) Council is a standing council of NASEMSO and will meet as part of the mid-year meetings to discuss national issues concerning emergency care and children and to provide input to NASEMSO in advising its federal partners and policymakers on pediatric issues. This council is primarily composed of EMSC managers from all 50 states and 6 US protectorates.
- Virginia's EMSC Manager is the Vice-Chair of the PEC Council and will be co-chairing these meetings and participating with NASEMSO in a number of venues. The Atlantic EMSC Council will also be participating in both of the national meetings in Annapolis this week. Virginia's EMSC Committee will receive an update from these meetings at their July 7, 2011 meeting.

### **Site Visits for Small and Rural Hospitals** (PM 74)

- The EMSC Program is visiting a number of small and rural Virginia hospitals to assess their pediatric needs and capabilities in relation to the "Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department" document published in October of 2009. This document can be found at the following link: [Joint Policy Statement - Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department, American Academy of Pediatrics, October 2009](#)

- This joint policy statement delineates guidelines and the resources necessary to prepare hospital emergency departments (EDs) to service pediatric patients, and is endorsed by many organizations—some of which include:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
  - American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
  - Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
  - American College of Surgeons (ACS)
  - American Heart Association (AHA)
  - American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA)
  - American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
  - National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI)
  - National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)
  - National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
  - National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
  - Children’s National Medical Center
  - Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)
  - Safe Kids USA
  - National PTA, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)
  - Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals
  
- Members of the EMSC Committee who wish to be involved in helping assess these hospitals should let the EMSC Coordinator know of their willingness to help and the schedule restrictions they are bound to. Folks should know that a few of the visits will require an overnight stay the night before the ED assessment. The next hospital emergency department assessment will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> at Bath Community Hospital in Hot Springs, VA.
  
- Some of the other hospitals we are currently in the process of scheduling include:
  - Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital (Lexington, VA)
  - Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital (Pearisburg, VA)
  - Dickinson Community Hospital (Clintwood, VA)
  - Page Memorial Hospital (Luray, VA)
  - Shenandoah Community Hospital (Woodstock, VA)
  
- We have a limited number of grant funded supplies/equipment to distribute to EDs being assessed that have a demonstrated need for the items; these are listed below:
  - Pediatric Broselow/Hinkle™ ALS System (portable supplies bag with essential color-coded pediatric emergency care supplies organized within it)
  - Pediatric length-based resuscitation tapes (Broselow™)
  - EZ-IO Intraosseous Infusion Systems (two power drivers, assorted IO needles, stabilizers, training bones)

**Hospital Pediatric Designation** (PM 74)

- The work group formed at the last EMSC Committee meeting January 6 continues to outline a framework for *voluntary hospital pediatric designation* in Virginia. The next

meeting is this Sunday (April 10) and the group expects to finalize the basic components of a three-level designation program.

- This work is in support of the OEMS EMSC program, which is expected to be administering the pediatric designation program once it has been approved by VDH. The work group's recommendations will be shared with the EMSC Committee at its meeting July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pediatric Disaster Preparedness** (PM 80)

- Virginia's EMSC Coordinator was invited to attend a meeting of select participants to work on creating a national curriculum for pediatric disaster preparedness. The meeting was hosted by the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH).
- During 2 days of intensive meetings, members of assigned work groups identified the roles of those who needed to be trained and prioritized topics appropriate for that training from a comprehensive collection of resources. These efforts may eventually culminate in a stand-alone national course that addresses the needs of children during and after disasters that would be disseminated widely in the United States with federal support.

### **Latest Version Length-Based Pediatric Tapes** (PM 73)

- Length-based pediatric resuscitation tapes are identified as "essential" equipment for ambulances in the consensus document from AAP and other national organizations, and by the federal EMSC program, but these items are not currently required in Virginia.
- Many ambulances do carry one of these tapes, but many are older versions and many have been lost or worn significantly.
- In order to assure that all BLS and ALS ambulances have access to the most recent version of a length-based tape, the EMSC program is using federal grant funding to purchase new Broselow™ pediatric tapes for distribution to all transport ambulances that need them.

### **Portable Pediatric Pulse Oximeters** (PM 73)

- Pulse oximeters were also identified as “essential” equipment for BLS ambulances in the consensus document from AAP and other national organizations, and by the federal EMSC program, but these items are also not currently required in Virginia. Most ALS ambulances already have access to pulse oximetry (at least for adults), but many BLS ambulances do not.
- A limited number of portable pediatric pulse oximeters for BLS ambulances will be purchased soon by the EMSC program from this year’s federal grant budget, and it is anticipated that additional numbers of these may be purchased from the 2012 EMSC program budget.

### **Transporting Children in Ambulances** (PM 80)

The official release of the final version of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommendations on safely transporting children in ambulances is supposed to occur at any moment. For a DRAFT version of this report, visit the following link: [DRAFT 2010 Recommendations for the Safe Transportation of Children in Ground Ambulances, NHTSA](#)

### **Pediatric Topics for 2011 EMS Symposium** (PM 78)

- Four pediatric class topics discussed and submitted by the EMSC Committee have been accepted for the 2011 EMS Symposium:
  - *“The Choking Game—It’s No Game”*
  - *“Uncommon But Extremely Dangerous Ingestions in the Pediatric Patient”*
  - *“Injury and Illness Prevention for EMS Agencies”* (includes *“Safe Sleep”*)
  - *“Pediatric Readiness for EMS Agencies—Staying Prepared for Scary Kids”*
- The EMSC Program is also providing fiscal support (nearly \$10,000) for additional pediatric topics at the 2011 EMS Symposium with funding from the EMSC State Partnership Grant. This money will pay for instructor honorariums and travel expenses, books, supplies, room fees, technical support, etc. related to presenting pediatric topics.

### **Pediatric Toolkits Planned for Inclusion on the EMSC Website**

- Inhalant Abuse
- Pediatric Emergency Transfer Guidelines
- Games Adolescents Shouldn’t Play (GASP)
- Pediatric Disaster Preparedness
- Safe Sleep for EMS Providers
- Promoting Pediatric Training
- Pediatric Hospital ED Designation
- School Nurses and EMS

- Model Pediatric Protocols
- Transporting Children In Ambulances

### **PEPP Training Follow-Up**

- A survey of *Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals* (PEPP) instructors trained with Virginia EMSC program federal grant funding will be conducted in May.
- The training was held in April of 2009 as part of the *Continuing Concepts for Prehospital Medicine Conference* hosted by the Tidewater EMS Council. 24 students were funded by the EMSC grant and about 16 others also attended (some from out of state). The sponsored participants received additional instructor toolkits resources on site and all participants were sent additional pediatric training resources from the EMSC program. The expectation (and hope) was that each of the new instructors would teach at least 2 courses in the next 2 years.
- The purpose of the survey will be:
  - to see how many of these instructors have been able to conduct and/or teach in PEPP courses since that time
  - to identify what additional support may be needed to facilitate PEPP courses
  - to encourage these instructors to go forward and promote additional PEPP training

### **Mandatory Reporting Update**

We are requesting statistics from the Department of Social Services (DSS) so we can get an idea of how they are tracking the number of EMS providers who access the State Child Abuse Hotline (800-552-7076). This data will be shared with the EMSC Committee when available.



Virginia State Council

“Workplace Violence in Emergency Departments”

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The Virginia State Council of the Emergency Nurses Association listened to the stories of workplace violence from Emergency Department nurses across the state. Emergency Nurses face the risk of workplace violence on a daily occurrence. Studies have shown that Emergency Nurses are vulnerable to work-related violence; incidents of nurses being verbally abused, threatened, harassed, intimidated or physically harmed and this makes Emergency Departments a dangerous work setting for healthcare providers. A study done by the Emergency Nurses Association found that more than half of Emergency Nurses reported physical violence on the job which included being “spit on”, “jumped”, “hit”, “pushed or shoved”, “scratched” and even “kicked”.

Nurses have a greater risk of being a victim of workplace violence because of their direct contact with patients or their families when stressed by illness or injury. Emergency Departments have the potential for volatile patients who may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and a history of psychiatric illnesses; other factors that can escalate into violence for healthcare personnel are long waits for service in Emergency Departments, overcrowded waiting rooms, inadequate security, and an increase in gangs or violent crimes.

Although many hospitals have programs in effect to prevent workplace violence, such as: training workers in recognizing and managing conflict before it arises, encouraging situational awareness for potential violence outbreaks; violence can occur despite measures taken to prevent violent outbreaks.

Many cases of assault go unreported because of the absence of institutional reporting policies, feelings that assaults are part of their job or the belief that reporting will not benefit them since there is no law to protect them. The Emergency Nurses Association supports legislation that increases penalties against an individual who assaults Emergency Department nurses and other emergency healthcare providers. With this, the Virginia State Council of the Emergency Nurses Associations Government Affairs Committee began to heighten the awareness to state legislators about workplace violence in Emergency Departments. The goal of the Government Affairs Committee was to pursue legislation making assault of an emergency nurse a felony offense punishable as determined by the law; the current assault statute protects fire, police and Emergency Medical Service personnel but not nurses.

Virginia Beach Delegate Christopher Stolle sponsored a bill to protect emergency healthcare providers in emergency rooms of a hospital or clinic. The bill passed and Virginia State Council Nurses were present on April 5, 2011 as Governor McDonnell signed the house bill, VA HB 1690 which goes into effect on July 1, 2011. This bill provides that the punishment for battery of a health care provider who is engaged in the performance of his duties as an emergency health care provider in an emergency room of a hospital or clinic or on the premises of any other facility rendering emergency medical care is a Class 1 misdemeanor, including a term of confinement of 15 days in jail, two days of which shall be mandatory minimum term of confinement.

The Virginia State Council of the Emergency Nurses Association views this as a major success in protecting our nurses and emergency healthcare providers in the emergency care setting. The bill will not eliminate workplace violence but may aid in decreasing the violence in our Emergency Departments with perpetrators knowing there is a penalty for assaulting an emergency nurse or emergency healthcare provider.

Virginia ENA Monthly Income and Expense Report 2011

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>
Membership Assessments	7000					2110
Additiional Membrship fees						
Unassigned Members	150					
Educational Programs						
SESS						
TNCC	12000					4320
ENPC	3000					
CATN						
Grants from ENA	1000	1000				
Fundraising	1300			20		
ENF						91.65
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>17,450</b>					

<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>General Administration</b>						
Postage	250		18.3		79.2	
Website Maintaince	200					
Unassigned Members						
Delegate Support	5000					
Scholarships Educational	1200					
<b>President Support</b>						
Scientific Assembly	1500					
Leadership	2000			1632.11		
<b>President-elect Support</b>						
Leadership	2000				1065.08	
<b>Treasurer Support</b>						
Leadership	1200					
<b>Treasurer-elect Support</b>						
Leadership						
<b>Educational Programs</b>						
SESS						
TNCC						680
ENPC						
ENPC- I						
<b>Fundraising</b>	350					
<b>Awards and Resolutions</b>	200					
<b>President Gift</b>	200		155.57			
<b>State Awards</b>	250					
<b>Tax Filing</b>	600					
<b>Christmas Party</b>	350					
<b>Government Affairs</b>						

Summitt Registration Fee		75						
Legislative Day Registration		75						
<b>Corporate Registration</b>		25		26				
<b>Donations</b>								
ENAF Challenge		1400						1457
<b>Miscellaneous</b>								
Office Supplies		100						465.85
Gift Raffles/Door Prices					36	48		
Emergency Nurses Day								
Community Service								
Booth at VSNA Convention		350						
Speakers Gift								
Meeting Room Fee								
<b>TOTALS</b>			17325					



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