



Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)/Child Ready MT Advisory Committee (VIRTUAL MEETING) **SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2021 MEETING MINUTES-**

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PEDIATRIC LIAISON UPDATE - In person educational opportunities are increasing across the state. Offering the Pediatric “TEAMS” Course to facilities and EMS. Further developing and revising the curriculum. Pediatric Disaster and Emergency Response Training on 9/1-2 with MT Childcare facilities held in person at the Great Northern. Conducted pediatric mock codes in Deer Lodge and scheduled for pediatric training in Terry MT. Jason is a master trainer for the MT EPIC Project.

EPIC-TBI PRESENTATION- Kristen Costa presented on the MT EPIC TBI project. Explained the science behind the project, the need for this treatment, and described the details of the pediatric portion as well as the adult procedures. This will be part of the recognition for MT EMS Services. Hospitals are also being engaged in this project as the patient care does not end at the ED door.

CARDIAC READY COMMUNITIES- Janet Trethewey gave an update on the Cardiac conference in Butte in October 2021- this is being rescheduled for the Spring (May) of 2022 due to the pandemic. However, this is a better schedule as it corresponds to the Cardiovascular/Stroke Conferences. The AED project for Law enforcement is done. Sudden Cardiac Training for Athletes was successful. This will continue. 4 young athletes in 2021.

EMSC UPDATE: Updated committee on the Pediatric Readiness Assessment ended 8/30/2021. 72% response rate. Update on Pediatric Facility Recognition visits- Bozeman-September 21 & St. Vincent in Billings on 9/30. More facility site visits are being scheduled. The 2021 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium is now only virtual due to the rise in COVID 19 and the strain on hospital/EMS staff.

INJURY PREVENTION/SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER GRANT PROGRAMS – Maureen reported she applied for the CORE CDC Grant for TBI prevention, Motor vehicle crash, Suicide and ACEs work and MT received this 5-year grant. This corresponds to the MT Core State Strategic planning. Safer Communities in MT is for gun safety; HOPE model (protective factors) for the ACES project; more information to come as the programs get going.

CULTURAL HUMILITY update- Lanette Perkins. She is adapting the MT Cultural Assessment to be more inclusive of diverse populations and expanding the scope including the LBGQT populations. 5 Advisory Committee members will form a work group to help update the assessment, develop a scoring sheet, and a possible PI/QI project for facilities. A draft will be presented to the Advisory Committee at the December 2021 meeting.

ROUND TABLE:

School Nurses Association: Juanita is worried about the lack of vaccinations due to COVID-19. Group decided to have this on the agenda for the March meeting. Thankful for the PPE for school staff. Remote learning is stressful for some kids; more kids may be struggling with learning; school

attendance is down. Home schooling is up. Stressed that we need to keep schools open for kids. Nutrition is also a factor.

MT STATE LIBRARY- Joann said Libraries need to stay open for kids, families and job seekers. This will help with remote learning. MT libraries have a lending program for “hot spots” internet for those students who may not have internet at home. There is a high demand for this resource. Research materials are in demand. Joann is retiring in December but will introduce the new rep in December as the Public Librarians are an important resource across MT. She would like to bring in Human Trafficking Education for State Librarian staff-she will connect with Jenny Jo for more information. The summer reading programs took place-virtual and outdoor venues. They are adjusting to the new ordinary/normal.

MISSOULA FAMILY TO FAMILY PROGRAM (U of MT) Jennifer Banna- working on safe transport of children with special health needs and a loan program for devices. These devices are much more expensive, and insurance does not cover them. Working on resources and a car bed “loaner” program. Working on car seat safety for all.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION-SCHOOL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP- Jamie Peterson, Program Manager- in collaboration with the MT Healthcare Foundation, they are working on targeted schools with a 1-year planning grant for school healthcare and 2-year implementation grants. Project will help to create outcomes school health policies. Rural Mental Health Pathways grant w/ MSU and U of MT- put graduate school counselors into the school setting. School based health clinics will include dental and mental health. Ravalli, Vaughn, Flathead, Big Horn, Hardin and Wyolla schools in the first part of the project. Would like to connect with the MT School Nurses Association. Suggested that Lanette reach out the Indian Education Specialist at OPI for collaboration.

ASPEN (Abuse, Support, and Prevention Education Network)- Jenny Jo Allen- reported that Park County is working on the RED SAND Project in conjunction with the art walk. This will include an interactive art project to help spread awareness. Many art projects have been conducted. This is an interactive outreach project to increase awareness and dispel myths.

MT EMS SYSTEMS- Staff for both rural volunteer and career EMS are reporting staff shortages. EMS State report now on the webpage for distribution. The MT EMS 2020 Data report is now finished. Shari reported that the MT BOME with the Dept of Labor is looking into going with the National Registry for EMS. This includes a pediatric education component. A MT EMS Strategic Planning is in progress. The transport of children to a higher level of care is increasing across MT. Starting to work on the Administrative Rules changes for MT EMS.

Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP-) Don shared the new newsletter from his program. Hospital's utilization beds for COVID-19. Hospitals are struggling with the rise of COVID cases again. Staffing is an issue. Standards of Care updates; bed space capacity; MT is working to create a medical corps reserve. PPE Training is continuing with restocking of equipment caches-the State Warehouse process. The National Conference will be held in Orlando FL

MEMSA – The Fall MEMSA Conference was canceled due to the reorganization of the MT MEMSA. More details at the December meeting.

FAN REP- Janet Miller attended the 2021 Virtual EMSC Grantee Meeting/FAN meeting. She learned more details on what a FAN Rep does, job description, and asked for a list of the members and the groups they represent on the MT EMSC Advisory Committee. A list will be sent out to the group. It is on the MT EMSC Web page as well as the minutes for the past meetings.

MT VDRS -Buck reported the violent deaths across MT are increasing. 210 Suicides, 22 Homicides, 10 undetermined deaths in infants, and 1 intentional firearm death. He is working on a report with 3 years of data.

MT TRAUMA SYSTEMS- Alyssa reported that she has been very busy making up the Facility Designations. RMRTS is now virtual only. Many of the sessions will be spread out over a period- With only 1 or 2 sessions a day. Registration was reduced to \$25 for participants.

MT SCHOOL NURSES- Juanita reported that low vaccination rates are still a concern across all vaccinations. COVID vaccinations are now available for youth ages 12 and up. Will adolescents need to be vaccinated before returning for fall 2021? **More to come on this topic.**

MT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY – Erin Root has taken a different position. Tracy and Wendy will represent this group until a replacement is hired. Tracie reported on the MDT Program Federal Assessment with a strategic plan and report. There were 9 recommendations that came out of the report. A few recommendations include: Add a Co-coordinator; Conduct a survey on child restraint use across MT; increase public knowledge; and develop a curriculum for parents, schools, other groups. Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Techs numbers of recertifications are down due to the pandemic. Working on possible training for children with special health needs safe transport. Working on new traffic safety messages. Distributing car seats across MT. Child Passenger Safety Week is coming up-September 19-25th. Car Seat events are being planned. 5 CPS Tech classes are scheduled-Great Falls, Kalispell, Helena, Missoula, and Billings in Nov, Jan, April, May and June.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Scheduled for Friday, DECEMBER 3, 2021 virtual.