

# Pediatric TCD and SAC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

## April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

### Virtual

**PRESENT:** Stephanie Ashford, Joe Finney, Gina Pellerito, Sarah Hales, Lori Beck, Nicole Gamm, Peggy Huddleston, Tiffany Taylor, Nick Salzman, Mirela Miljkovic, Rachel Mazzara, Kyle Meadows, Dani Lee, Elizabeth Woodward, Steve Laffey, David Hurd, Heather Scruton

**Called to Order: Adjourned:**

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Called to order by Stephanie Ashford	0901
<b>Patient Volume and general trends update</b>	St. Louis Hospitals have been busy but manageable volumes. Lori and Tiffany shared that trauma numbers are significantly up A lot of STARS patients increased in visits to ED recently	
<b>EMSC Update</b>	<p>PPRP assessment is launching May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will get correspondence from state and national office.</p> <p>Ask the Expert is tomorrow – will go over Peds Readiness Assessment – will be an opportunity for agencies to ask questions. Assessment will take 40-45 minutes; will need peds call volume for year and licensure level for all that work there (how many ALS v. BLS providers etc.)</p> <p>Peds PREPP program is being paused May 1 – July 31; after will be working with agencies to get Level II provided. Still accepting applications until 05/01.</p> <p>Safe Transport giveaway again this year. Send Dani email and she can reach out to them to offer this. Goal is to have all with transport devices. Discussion on different types of devices that could be used – priority will be given to agencies that don't have transport devices. If there is an agency that needs a second, they can submit and if money left over would go to them.</p> <p>Please submit proposals for MEMSA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer agencies to Dani that don't have transport devices so they can apply</li> <li>• Submit proposals for MEMSA</li> </ul>
<b>STARS Update</b>	Nick – STARS is growing; Addressed regional medical directors recently – Nick has been emailing on the plans that have been in draft and reaching out to directors directly.	-Nick is going to look into changes in levels of access

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	Stephanie mentioned that creating a mid-level access plan – is there a way to create a draft notification? This could be helpful so STARS admin could ask medical director	
<b>2024 Goals</b>	<p>Stephanie asked if there was a way to break out the data for pediatrics from the NEMESIS data – Peggy said she could try to look into see how this could be broken down and bring information back</p> <p>EMS Needs assessment – could consider doing again, would need to collaborate with someone who has expertise in surveys to ensure we’re getting the information we want back. Goal was to discover what tools EMS agencies had for pediatric pain and how comfortable EMS was with treating pain. Shouldn’t do at the same time as the PRPP but will keep on agenda to come back to later on</p> <p>Pediatric DNR legislation – how best to make that known throughout the state. Stephanie suggested making those patients an automatic enrollment in STARS – however not all agencies participate in this. Nick shared that a hold up was the component of legislation on the border agencies and language that discussed using other state documentation and how that would be applied in the field. This could be hosted on prodigy. Collaborate with palliative care to post education. Plan to draft a letter to EMS agencies with information</p> <p>Pediatric Strike Team concept – requested from last SAC meeting. The group feels as if this should be with the Children and Youth in Disaster (CYD) group. Waylon Taylor is who runs this group and Dani can give updates. One thing that is being worked on is a Pediatric Disaster Conference in July 2025. Rachel Mazzara of St. Louis Area Regional Response Healthcare Coalition and offered assistance in working on emergency management and response and can talk offline about it.</p>	<p>-Peggy will look into NEMESIS data and see how it could be broken down</p> <p>-Pediatric DNR education to go on Prodigy, start with an Ask the Expert</p> <p>-Dani and Stephanie will draft a letter to send to agencies as a reminder on Pediatric DNR for MO as well as resources</p> <p>-CYD group will look at this and be added to our monthly updates.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	Fentanyl project – Dani and Dr. Finney met and were going to do this as an Ask the Expert Training. Met as an injury prevention group. Barrier is how to identify that as the initial diagnosis when they arrive to the ED. Will collect data on pediatric ingestions on the state Also submitted talk to MEMSA in august.	<p>-Education upcoming and in development</p> <p>-Data gathering across state to get information</p>

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<b>Pediatric TCD Destination</b>	-Stroke destination priorities and treating children and getting state recommendations on where stroke patients should go and where trauma patients should be evaluated – continue to work on and more to come -Transfer agreements	-Dani will connect with TPMs on transfer agreements to be able to share with hospitals asking for peds readiness
<b>Pediatric Readiness Regulations</b>	-Group agrees that Pediatric Readiness should be added into TCD designations	-Dr. Finney will bring proposal to larger TCD group that this is recommendation group to add pediatric readiness.
<b>Other topics to add as standing agenda items for future meetings?</b>	TCD Portal for upcoming TCD meetings and minutes: <a href="https://missourihospitals.imagetrendlicense.com/lms/public/portal#/login">https://missourihospitals.imagetrendlicense.com/lms/public/portal#/login</a>  Next TCD large committee meeting May 15 <sup>th</sup> at 1500	
<b>Open Discussion</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> at 0900 via TEAMS	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned	1000

Minutes transcribed by: Tiffany Taylor