

Subject: CoPEM Meeting Canceled this week - 4.9.2020

Dear CoPEM members,

Please note the upcoming CoPEM meeting – Thursday the 9th at 9:00am - is being **canceled** due to the COVID-19 response. Undoubtedly, you all are inundated with COVID-19 efforts in your facilities and communities, and we want to respect that work. Thank you for all that you are doing to support these efforts!
We will keep the next meeting for July 9th at 9:00am – as we are all able.

Below is a summary of EMS for Children (EMSC) projects that have been underway:

1. **Facility Recognition for Pediatric Readiness** – the workgroup has been revived to begin brainstorming means to roll-out and implement this voluntary program. The aim is to recognize hospitals that have taken steps to become “Peds Ready.”
 - a. In the future we plan to have a similar workgroup to guide efforts recognizing EMS Agencies that take steps to become “Peds Ready.”
2. **Pediatric Champions – PECCS** (Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators) – we have created and gathered numerous helpful resources and tools for our Champions. These materials are being compiled into toolkits (binders and folders) for the Champions in our Hospitals and EMS agencies.
 - a. Attached is the definition and summary of a Pediatric Champion or PECC
 - b. A new and improved webpage for our Champions is in the works and nearing completion. This will be a valuable landing page for our Champions to easily access supporting materials and find new projects to roll-out in their EDs and EMS Agencies to improve Pediatric Readiness across the state.
 - c. A Recognition program being created to acknowledge our Champions and thank them for their efforts to improve Pediatric Readiness in their facilities.
3. **EMSC Website overhaul** – this has been re-organized to benefit all people accessing the site. Additionally, it will be maintained regularly with news, projects, and updates. There will be a link to the new Pediatric Champion Page from the EMSC site to streamline the efforts taken to improve Pediatric Emergency care in the state of Michigan.
4. **Annual EMS Agency Survey** – This was the first time NEDARC rolled out the annual survey of Agencies to assess their efforts toward becoming “Peds Ready.” Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak many states had low response rates – Michigan was 36%. The data is currently being processed, and what we learn from it will be shared as soon as it is available. However, its overall meaning will be limited in that such a small percentage reported. We are working on means to improve this data collection/response rate in upcoming years.
5. **National Pediatric Readiness Project** – Assessment was set to launch June, 2020. This is delayed out of respect for the COVID-19 efforts underway across the nation within hospitals and EDs. Once a new launch date and plan have been announced, we will resume efforts to achieve a high success rate in survey completion.

Wishing you safety and peace during this uncertain time.

Sincerely,

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