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EMSC Advisory Committee Meets

Special points of interest:

- **EMSC Advisory Committee meets**
- **Pediatric Equipment distribution**
- **Pediatric Readiness Assessment**

The EMSC Advisory Committee met on February 26, 2013 at the Section of EMS. Discussion at this meeting included the following. An update on the current grant status. As of the meeting the EMSC program had not yet received the new Notice of Grant Award. (NGA). A review of the equipment that has been handed out to services. The new EMSC high fidelity manikin was displayed and the training for operation of the manikin will take place in March. A presentation was given on the Pediatric Readiness Assessment by the EMSC Program Manager Jack Hill. Please see this newsletter for more information about the assessment. All EMS services please note that the EMSC assessment for EMS services will begin in October 2013. More information will be provided regarding this assessment when it becomes available.

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 30, 2013 at 10:00 am, at the Freeway Medical Building, Room 801, 5800 West 10th, Little Rock, AR.

Pediatric Readiness Project

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a collaborative multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that emergency departments (EDs) are ready to care for children. The project will begin with a national assessment of EDs. Each ED that completes the assessment will receive immediate feedback in the form of a "Pediatric Readiness Score" and a gap analysis report. A clearinghouse of quality improvement resources will be available to empower EDs to improve their scores and to align themselves with the National Guidelines on pediatric readiness. The following link will provide a wealth of information on the project.

<http://pediatricreadiness.org/>

This assessment will begin April 2013

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English—Spanish Visual Language Aids

The EMSC Program is distributing English—Spanish Visual Language Aids. They are an easy way to aid communication between patients and care givers. If you are in the Little Rock area please stop by the office to pick one up for each truck you have. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

***“ In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”
Abraham Lincoln***



Pediatric Spinal Immobilization Devices

The Arkansas EMSC program began an initiative to provide pediatric spinal immobilization devices to EMS services around the state. A mass email was sent to every service in December requesting information. We had a good response and while a number of services already had the equipment or something similar, other services expressed that they did not. Another email was sent to those services that expressed an interest. The EMSC program allowed a month for services to come pick up their devices. During this month the EMSC program was able to distribute 250 pediatric spinal immobilization devices around the state. The EMSC program wanted to say thanks to those services that made the trip to pick up the devices. This initiative for EMS services is now closed and all EMS services should look for more information in the future regarding further equipment distributions.

Allied Ambulance Service
Ark. Methodist Hospital EMS
Arkansas Excellent Transport
Arkansas Paramed Transfer
Baxter Reg. Med. Hospital
Bella Vista Amb. Svc. Inc.
Baptist Health-Arkadelphia
Blytheville C. B. Emer. Squad
Chimes Vol. Fire Dept
City of Rogers Ambulance Service
Columbia County Ambulance
DeWitt EMS
Dumas Emergency Medical Serv.
El Dorado Fire Dept.
Emerson Ambulance Service
Eureka Springs Fire Dept.
Fort Smith EMS
Franklin County EMS
Future Fuel Chemical Corp.
GEMS Ambulance Service
Grand Prairie EMS
Greers Ferry Ambulance
Holiday Island Fire Department
Hughes Fire Dept / EMS Division
Huttig Volunteer Ambulance Service
Lifeline EMS
Madison County EMS
Monticello Ambulance Service
North Arkansas Regional Med. Ctr.
NEBCO EMS
Newport Fire Dept.
Northstar EMS
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Ouachita County Ambulance Service
Ozark EMS
Pafford EMS
Pea Ridge Fire Dept.
Piggot Community Hosp. EMS
Pope County EMS
ProMed
Pulse EMS
Quitman Rescue
Sebastian County EMS
Siloam Springs EMS
Southeast Emer. Med. Serv. Inc.
Southwest EMS
Spring River Ambulance Svc.
Trumann Ambulance Svc. Inc.
Tuckerman Vol Fire Dept.
Vital Link
Yell County Emergency Medical Svc.

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