

**Florida College of Emergency Physicians
Pediatric Section Meeting
February 1st. 2005
Orlando, Florida**

Minutes

Participants: Laleh Bahar-Posey; Wayne J. Barry, MD, FACEP; Dennis A. Hernandez, MD,FAA; Todd Zimmerman, David Soria, MD, FACEP; Arthur Diskin, MD, FACEP (Conference Call Welcome); Beth Brunner; Michael Citro; Delaina Bomhoff

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM.

Welcome

Dr. Diskin welcomed committee members via conference call, and laid out a desired track for the first meeting. The attendees should appoint a non-voting representative to the board, discuss who else should be invited to the next meeting, come up with what issues should be important to the board, what can FCEP do about these issues, and what issues are there that are specific to Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

Database

Committee members discussed how the FCEP database could identify all board certified Peds/EM doctors in Florida; identify all separate and combined pediatric emergency departments and after hours pediatric centers; identify a list of FCEP member who practice pediatric emergency medicine; and work via Florida Pediatric Society to identify their members who work in emergency departments but are not FCEP members.

Pediatric EM Protocols

Members discussed Medical Directors setting the protocols for Pre-hospital Emergency care for children, although they are not Pediatric EM trained. A way to prevent this would be to have the Medical Director meet with Pediatric ED physicians to go over and help choose some of the EM protocols for pediatrics. Committee discussed the need to identify Peds EM FCEP members in 7 geographic areas of the state who would be willing to review their local EMS system protocols as relates to pediatric care . It was recommended that FCEP coordinate with EMSC.

ACEP Pediatric Committee

Committee members discussed the need to involve more states in having the pediatric subcommittees. They will review ACEP Pediatric Committee goals/objectives to determine fit for FCEP and work with the ACEP agenda at state level.

Communication with Peds EM community

Committee members discussed the need to communicate with the whole Pediatric EM community. One way to receive their input is to send out a survey identifying what issues they find important. Through this survey FCEP could also request the number of

board certified Pediatric ER docs, and pediatricians working in the Pediatric emergency departments..

Florida Pediatric Society

The committee discussed the need to coordinate with FPS as not to duplicate work. Committee will appoint one FCEP liaison to attend FPS meeting and FPS will be welcome to have a liaison to attend the FCEP meetings.

Kid Care

Committee identified a need to evaluate the criteria for enrollment in Florida KidCare and the provisions for providing emergency services and care. Michael Citro offered to provide assistance

FCEP Pediatric Members

Committee will send out a request to FCEP peds members to identify key areas they have. The Chair should draft this.

Some of the areas identified as potential "advocacy" for FCEP

- ~ Language barriers and cultural challenges with pediatric/parent population in Florida
- ~ Transient pediatric population
- ~ Medical Malpractice Issues
- ~ Create and distribute a new parent DVD or VHS to create a more informed new first time parent
- ~ The lack of a safety net and parental follow up in the adolescent population
- ~ Identify funding from local foundations/etc. for "Childlife Adocate" for Pediatric EDs - similar to St. Joes.

Chair/Non-Voting Representative to the Board

Laleh Bahar-Posey was appointed the chair and will also serve as the Non-Voting Representative to the board. She accepted the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.