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**Reference:** NC Association of EMS Administrators-- Letter of Support to HRSA Announcement Number: HRSA-10-062, EMSC Targeted Issues -- ***EMS and Pediatric Trauma: A North Carolina Population Based Performance Improvement Intervention and Evaluation Using Multiple Linked Database.***

Dear Dr. Mears:

As the President of the North Carolina Association of EMS Administrators, I am delighted to provide this letter of support for an EMSC proposal being submitted from the EMS Performance Improvement Center (EMSPIC), Department of Emergency Medicine, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (UNC-CH). The proposal, is a response to the HRSA Announcement Number: HRSA-10-062, EMSC Targeted Issues and is entitled ***EMS and Pediatric Trauma: A North Carolina Population Based***

***Performance Improvement Intervention and Evaluation Using Multiple Linked Databases.***

The NC Association of EMS Administrators is a professional organization of individuals within the state, who are engaged in directing and managing Emergency Medical Services. Our professional association enjoys active membership from nearly all 100 North Carolina EMS counties and hosts two conferences annually. The NC EMS Administrators, in cooperation with the NCOEMS and EMSPIC have expanded and deepened our partnerships and collaboration during the past five years. It is my understanding that Drexdal Pratt, Chief of the NC Office of EMS and other NCOEMS staff members contributed to the project planning. Just as with previous and current projects, NCOEMS and the EMSPIC will work closely with the North Carolina Association of EMS Administrators. Should this project be reviewed positively and funded, the NC Association of EMS Administrators would enthusiastically collaborate with the rollout of the Education Project. Caring for critically injured children is challenging to our NC EMS rank and file; we welcome tools to improve our recognition, assessment, and care delivery for these patients.

It is my understanding that this exciting proposal will address the evaluation of the service delivery and patient care provided to North Carolina's acutely injured children within the Statewide Trauma System of Care. Importantly, this proposal will utilize the EMS Acute Pediatric Care Performance Improvement Tool Kit, the existing linked North Carolina EMS Outcomes Database (including EMS, Emergency Department, Trauma Registry, Hospital Discharge, and Medical Examiners data sources), and the required EMS Pediatric Triage and Destination Plans. Finally, an online educational component that will be implemented and validated and could become a future resource to other states. We are supportive of this proposal and its ability to utilize our newly linked statewide Outcomes Data System

With the commitment and partnership of our NC EMS Administrators, together we have made significant strides in our ability to focus on

quality and performance improvement. North Carolina is the only state that maintains an EMS Outcomes Database actively linking EMS, ED, Hospital, Trauma Registry, Medical Examiners, Crash, Stroke, and STEMI databases.

This project complements and builds upon North Carolina's statewide protocols which include triage and destination plans addressing time dependent illness and injury such as Trauma, Burns, Stroke, STEMI, and Pediatrics.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our enthusiastic support for proposal, ***EMS and Pediatric Trauma: A North Carolina Population Based Performance Improvement Intervention and Evaluation Using Multiple Linked Databases.*** We anxiously wait to hear the outcome on review and funding. Please do not hesitate to call upon me for any needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Lord". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Joe Lord, EMT-P  
President  
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