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RESOLUTION: 34(20)
SUBMITTED BY: New York Chapter
SUBJECT: Public/School Bleeding Control Kit Access and Training

PURPOSE: Support access to bleeding control kits in all schools and public venues nationwide and support the expansion of bleeding control training in schools and communities to support educated use of these kits.

FISCAL IMPACT: Budgeted expenses for the Until Help Arrives program.

- 1 WHEREAS, The average person is not prepared to be a first responder in the event of a crisis; and
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- 3 WHEREAS, There are programs available from the American College of Emergency Physicians (Until Help
- 4 Arrives) and the American College of Surgeons (Stop the Bleed) to increase confidence and teach lifesaving skills;
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- 7 WHEREAS, Every minute that passes in a hemorrhage situation waiting for emergency care to arrive
- 8 increases morbidity and mortality; and
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- 10 WHEREAS, Multiple states have already passed laws funding or requiring bleeding control kits and training
- 11 in public schools; and
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- 13 WHEREAS, Public sites and schools are already required to have public access automated external
- 14 defibrillators (AEDs) accessible; therefore be it
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- 16 RESOLVED, That ACEP support access to bleeding control kits in all schools and public venues nationwide
- 17 akin to the automated external defibrillators (AED) access programs; and be it further
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- 19 RESOLVED, That ACEP support the expansion of bleeding control training in schools and communities to
- 20 support educated use of these kits in the event of an emergency until help arrives.

Background

This resolution calls for ACEP to support access and training for bleeding control kits in all schools and public venues.

ACEP was a key stakeholder of the “Stop the Bleed” campaign when it was initiated by the White House and the National Security Council in October of 2015. The White House campaign was headed by ACEP member Richard Hunt, MD, FACEP, who was assigned as the Director for Medical Preparedness Policy at the National Security Council.

The initial decision was for ACEP to support the objectives of the “Stop the Bleed” campaign, which included public access to bleeding control kits and public training on their use. This was accomplished by promoting the campaign through the Prehospital-EMS Care Section, other related ACEP Sections, and ACEP’s National EMS Week Campaign. The American College of Surgeons – Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) had a public focused bleeding control course already developed and ACEP was invited to partner on promotion of this course.

ACEP staff were tasked in the spring of 2018 to develop a new public-focused in-person course to include bleeding

control and lay-person CPR and present it in a course length of 60 minutes or less. Around the same time period, ACEP was approached by staff at the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services (HSS)/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to support and help promote a new online bleeding control course they had developed. After reviewing the ASPR course, ACEP staff pursued integrating the bleeding control content into the new course in development by ACEP. ASPR agreed to allow use of their bleeding control content as well as the course name, [Until Help Arrives](#).

ACEP partnered with an existing vendor, Simulab, to develop resources for the course including several different bleeding control kits and a training kit designed specifically for the ACEP course. ACEP released the new Until Help Arrives course, which includes bleeding control and compression-only CPR, during *ACEP19* in Denver, CO. Plans were in place to market and promote the course aggressively during the spring/summer 2020 but has been delayed because of the impact of COVID-19. Staff are exploring options for an on-line version of the course should in-person public training be delayed long term.

The authors of this resolution are aware of the Until Help Arrives campaign and fully support it but believe emphasis on supporting access to the necessary equipment in schools and public venues is still needed.

ACEP Strategic Plan Reference

Goal 1 –Improve the Delivery System for Acute Care

Objective H – Position ACEP as a leader in emergency preparedness and response. This objective has a specific tactic to promote “Until Help Arrives” with a special emphasis on pilot projects involving chapters, outside partners, businesses, and civic groups.

Fiscal Impact

Budgeted expense for the Until Help Arrives program.

Prior Council Action

None

Prior Board Action

June 2019, approved funding for the Until Help Arrives campaign.

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