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**New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council  
December 14, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order:** December 14, 2022, 10:06 a.m. – Mark Merlin

**Roll Call** – Zachary Raab

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

- **Motion by:** Barbara Schreibman, **Seconded:** Stephen Vetrano
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea:** All **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**Legislative Update** – Zachary Raab

- Discussed the legislative report that was sent, via email, to all council members
- Motion made for this council to send official correspondence to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, in support of New Jersey Legislative Bill A4918
  - **By:** Gregory Scott **Seconded:** Stephen Vetrano
  - Motion to accept: **Yea:** 18 **Nay:** 1 **Abstain:** 0

**988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline presentation**

**Air Medical** – Gerard Carroll

- No Report

**BLS Sub-Committee** – Andy Lovell

- Discussed cardiac arrest care and termination of resuscitation by BLS
- Discussed not initiating resuscitation guidelines and what happens if ALS does not continue to the location for a pronouncement.

**EMT Training Fund Advisory Council** – Stephen Vetrano

- Meeting was held on December 7, 2022.
- Approved the EMS Council of New Jersey's reimbursement request for their 2022 conference
- Approved the Gold Cross magazine for reimbursement of assigned CEUs for one year, utilizing a scantron-style testing procedure
  - Their testing procedure will need to be modernized
- Proposed a new financial reporting mechanism

- Recruitment and retention discussions are ongoing
- Discussion ensued

**Communications – Joseph Burlew**

- Ebola guidance has been updated
- CADs in the UASI Region update

**EMS for Children – Ernest Leva**

- No Report

**Trauma Center Council - Vacant**

- No Report

**MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreiberman**

- A presentation was made for a research trial on the use of pre-hospital Ketamine and Fentanyl.
  - MICU Advisory approved the trial for review by the New Jersey Department of Health.
- Discussed procedures for BLS arriving on scene of an obvious death
  - Based on the discussion, it can vary based on county.
- Bylaws for the MICU Advisory Council are being rewritten as required by P.L. 2022, c118.
- Updated and voted on New Jersey Protocols.
  - Removed any BLS-level care that has not been authorized by the Department.
- Discussion ensued.

**OEMS – Candace Gardner**

- EMTTF
  - The timeliness of reimbursement submissions needs to be more concise to provide more accurate reporting and processing
  - Many continuing education providers are not uploading student information onto rosters to update the completion status
  - OEMS will not be updating rosters, offenders will be required to meet with OEMS in Trenton to rectify
- Working to re-establish the Specialty Care Transport Unit (SCTU) Committee to ensure they have a seat at the table
- OEMS Staffing
  - Andrew Rivera is no longer with OEMS and has taken a job out of state. We wish him the best of luck
  - Judy Faulkner has joined the team as an Agency Service Representative
  - Christian Rios and Fatima Manzoor have joined the team as Public Health Representative's working primarily with the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program
  - OEMS still has several openings, anyone interested in joining the team should reach out to OEMS directly
- Guidelines for Trauma Triage have been disseminated to the EMS community

- The State Trauma System Advisory Committee is seeking recommendations for a paid ALS provider, BLS provider, and a representative from the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- The state website has been updated with recommendations for donning and doffing of PPE in a suspected Ebola case. EMS should have a heightened level of awareness
- EMSC has received \$205,000 in grant funding for educational programs, safety initiatives, school nurse in-services, newsletters, etc.
  - The next online educational class on Pediatric Holiday Hazards by Dr. Lisa Drago is scheduled for December 15, 2022.
- The Department continues to work towards transitioning from NEMSIS v3.4 to v3.5. All agencies should work with their vendors to transition in 2023
- P.L. 2022, c.118 was published and is geared toward redesigning Advanced Life Support in New Jersey and the development of a Mobile Integrated Health Program.
- The Department will be hosting stakeholder meetings to start to facilitate dialog on what the community would like to see in the next generation of regulations
- One regionalized EMT-Instructor screening was canceled due to a lack of interest
- Changes to the CEU values assigned to specific canned classes are being re-evaluated and assigned according to the applicability to providing service as an EMT. The Department is recommending EMTs focus on clinical education instead of classes with a high CEU value focused on operations
- Discussion ensued.

#### **New Jersey EMS Task Force – Michael Bascom**

- Updates were made to all the ambulance buses and communication equipment
- 115 members completed a three-day training in October
- Approximately 750,000 vaccinations have been transferred

#### **Motion to approve all committee reports**

- Motion: **By:** Dr. Merlin **Seconded:** Greg Scott
  - Motion to accept: **Yea:** All **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

#### **Public Comment**

- Ben Dafilou spoke about the Paramedics for the Advancement of New Jersey EMS

#### **Nomination Committee**

- Nominations are uncontested
  - **Seconded:** Mark Bober
  - A single ballot was cast by the Secretary
  - 2023 EMS Advisory Election for 2-year terms:
    - Chairperson: Andy Lovell
    - Executive Council Members: Dr. Schreibman, Barbara Platt, and Michael Bascom

The next meeting will be on March 8, 2023