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The Advisory Council for the EMT Training Fund
MINUTES of September 3, 2025

Meeting Attendance				
Organization	Representative		Alternate	
<i>Governor's Office on Volunteerism</i>	Rowena Madden	A	Linda Rivera	P
<i>Medical Transportation Association (MTA)</i>	Frank Setnicky	A	Gregory Scott	A
<i>New Jersey Department of Health</i>	Candace Gardner	A	Daniel Kazar	P
<i>New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisor Council (MAC)</i>	Steve Cohen	P	Vacant	N/A
<i>New Jersey State First Aid Council</i>	Barbara Platt	A	Susan DeWitt	P
<i>New Jersey State Police</i>	Andrew Koehler	P	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (Medical Society of New Jersey)</i>	Vacant	N/A	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (New Jersey Hospital Association)</i>	Roger Sarao	P	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (New Jersey State Nurses Association)</i>	Daniel Misa	P	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (Non-Healthcare Professional) #1</i>	Adam Beder	A	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (Non-Healthcare Professional) #2</i>	Vacant	N/A	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (Physician) #1</i>	Dr. Stephen Vetrano	P	Vacant	N/A
<i>Public Member (Physician) #2</i>	Dr. William Felegi	A	Vacant	N/A
New Jersey Department of Health Present				
Judy Faulkner	Nicholas Seran			
Michael Estwan				
Public/Guest Present	Agency			
Scot Corbin	Hackensack Meridian Health - JFK			
Bryan Fischberg	N/A			
Jessica Ludwig	St. Peters Hospital			
Chris Matyas	Beachwood EMS			
Vanessa Ojeda	Less Stress Instructional Services			
Debbie Quintana	Hackensack Meridian Health - JFK			
Alison Wallin	EMS Council of New Jersey			
Paula Weiler	EMS Council of New Jersey			

The EMT Training Fund Advisory Council convened on September 3, 2025, at the Union County Fire Academy, with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Vetrano

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, c-10:4.10 of the state of New Jersey entitled Open Public Meetings Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the council via email prior to this meeting

*Motion to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes (Mr. Cohen) Seconded (Mr. Bedar)
Approved (Unanimous)*

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2025 Payments:

EMT Initial: \$1,552,473.00

EMT Refresher: \$132,640.00

NREMT Examination: \$82,888.00

FY 2025 Total Payments from Fund: \$1,768,001.00 (Not including Fringe and Benefits)

Motion to approve the June financial report (Mr. Cohen). Seconded (Mr. Koehler). Approved (Unanimous)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion ensued regarding open seats on this advisory council
- Discussion ensued regarding non-accredited paramedic programs offering only distance learning

OEMS Report – Mr. Kazar

- Introduced new employees Michael Estwan and Thomas Livecchi of the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of EMS.
- Updated statewide protocol document has been published, distributed, and posted to the website.

- The Department is drafting a waiver to authorize a single paramedic pronouncement under certain circumstances after the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) convened on September 13, 2025, with no objections
- Discussed issues regarding Paramedic programs throughout the country that are offering distance and/or asynchronous learning
- Paramedic background checks will occur prior to EMT background checks
- Hepatitis B vaccination grants available for first responders. If interested in applying, please email OEMS at ems@doh.nj.gov
- Intranasal Epinephrine for Anaphylaxis was discussed at the BLS sub-committee level of the MICU Advisory Council and the outcome was unfavorable
- Recommendation for all agencies to review their protocols and procedures related to patient elopement incidents occurring while the patient is in the care of EMS.
- Recommendation for all agencies to review their lights and sirens usage policies, further recommending decreasing the utilization of lights and sirens when responding to certain incidents and especially when transporting to the hospital unless medically warranted
- OEMS continues to struggle with delayed EMT Training Fund reimbursement submissions
- New Jersey Provider Licensing and Learning Management System was overhauled in July of 2025 and continues to be updated
- NREMT updated their platform in July of 2025 creating significant technical issues throughout the nation. OEMS continues to work closely with NREMT to mitigate outstanding issues
- NJEMT Refresher Program continues to be reviewed, and updates will be forthcoming
- EMS62 form has been updated and must be digitally signed
 - This can be digitally signed through PDF's free version. No agency needs to purchase a software to sign the form
- Reminder for agencies to have a policy for "Member in Good Standing"
- Registration for the National Conference on EMS remains open

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Bryan Fischberg
 - Discussed use of lights and sirens being considered a "patient intervention"
 - Provided recommendations to combat abuse of the EMT Training Fund

Meeting Schedule:

- December 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Union County Fire Academy

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Misa) Seconded (Mr. Beder). Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM by Dr. Vetrano