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The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)
MINUTES of June 9, 2025

Meeting Attendance							
MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PROGRAM	MEDICAL DIRECTOR		DIRECTOR		EMS EDUCATOR		
Atlantic Ambulance	Dr. Albert Ritter	A	Art Samaras	A	David Peterson	A	
AtlantiCare Regional MC	Dr. Brett Greenfield	P	Stephen Napoli	P	Mark Jeffries	P	
Capital Health	Dr. Andrea Marques-Batista	P	Alexander Lewinsky	P	Keith Elmer	P	
CentraState Healthcare System	Dr. Albert Ritter	A	Art Samaras	A	David Peterson	A	
Cooper EMS	Dr. Gerard Carroll - Chair	P	Rick Rohrbach	P	Ronald Murphy	P	
Englewood Health	Dr. Barbara Schreibman - Vice Chair	P	Richard Sposa	P	Michael Geisler	A	
Hackensack Meridian HUMC	Dr. Shaun Patterson	P	Michelle Kobayashi	P	Alex Rosario	P	
Holy Name EMS	Dr. Timothy Lancaster	A	James Fox	P	Kevin Pohlman	P	
Hunterdon Medical Center MICU	Dr. Michael Predergast	P	Keith Shipley	A	VACANT	A	
Inspira Health	Dr. Amy Ondeyka	P	Harry Shelton	A	Geoffrey Roberts	P	
Jersey City MC/RWJBarnabas	Dr. Cheng Wang	P	Joshua Otero	P	Steven Cohen	P	
Hackensack Meridian JFK UMC	Dr. Howard Felderman	P	Mark Bober	A	Richard Schlosser	P	
RWJBarnabas Health	Dr. Barbara Schreibman - Vice Chair	P	Anthony Raffino	A	Neil Thorn	A	
Saint Claire's Health System	Dr. Stephanie Ortega	P	John Cronin	P	Debra Paglianite	P	
St. Joseph's Health	Dr. Kimberly Baldino	P	Dennis Castro	P	Kevin Webb	P	
The Valley Hospital - MICU	Dr. Mark Dreier	P	Rebecca Basso	P	Matthew Bremy	A	
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Timothy Satty	P	Jason Brady	A	Nicole Ferrarella	P	
Virtua Health	Dr. Ronald Klebacher	P	Thomas Lavagna	P	Bruce Graham	P	
Alternates							
MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PROGRAM	NAME		POSITION				
Cooper EMS	Dr. Lisa Drago		Associate Medical Director				P
Cooper EMS	Dr. Alexander Kuc		Associate Medical Director				A
Hackensack Meridian HUMC	Dr. William Haussner		Associate Medical Director				A
Inspira Health	Dr. Garrett Forosisky		Associate Medical Director				A
RWJBarnabas Health	Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai		Associate Medical Director				A
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Tung-Lin Yuan		Associate Medical Director				P
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Scott Pasichow		Associate Medical Director				A
The Valley Hospital	Ingrid Santucci		Director/EMS Educator				P

New Jersey Department of Health Present	
Candace Gardner	Logan Rafferty
Daniel Kazar	Christian Rios
Fatima Manzoor	Timothy Seplaki
Dr. Kirsten Posselt	Nicholas Seran
Dr. John Porter	
Public/Guest	
Name	AGENCY
Dionne Huggins	Hackensack Meridan Health - HUMC
Margaret Keavney	Keavney & Streger
Julia Kulesa	Union County College
Jessica Ludwig	Hackensack Meridian Health - Life Support Training Center
Jeffrey McBride	Hackensack Meridian Health - JFK
Joanne Piccinni	Bergen County Community College
Matthew Streger	Keavney & Streger
Dr. Stephen Vetrano	NJEMSTF

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on June 9, 2025, at the NJOHSP with a call to order at 10:00 AM, by Dr. Gerard Carroll

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council. 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. Notice was sent to the Secretary of State who posted the notice in a public place. Notice was also provided electronically on the Department's website.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 10, 2025, special meeting for Clinical Protocols were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting

Motion to approve the February 10, 2025, special meeting for Clinical Protocols (Dr. Schreibman) Seconded (Dr. Satty) Approved (Unanimous)

Minutes from the April 21, 2025, special meeting for a nerve agent antidote protocol and waiver were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting

Motion to approve the April 21, 2025, special meeting for a nerve agent antidote protocol and waiver minutes (Dr. Schreibman) Seconded (Dr. Satty) Approved (Unanimous)

Presentations

- Dr. John Porter
 - Trauma Gel Study – Insufficient evidence to support routine use within EMS

- Dr. Shaun Patterson and Mr. Dionne Huggins
 - ECMO in Cardiac Arrest (ECPR)

Committee Reports

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council

None

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs (NJAPP) – Mr. Sposa

- The upcoming Leading-Edge conference will be held at MetLife Stadium

Basic Life Support (BLS) Sub-Committee – Dr. Satty

None

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund – Mr. Cohen

- Experienced an increase in revenue from traffic violation surcharges compared to 2024
- Anticipate additional expenditures resulting from the implementation of the new EMT Training Fund Law (P.L. 2024, c.68)

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) – Dr. Drago

- New Jersey Always Ready for Children EMS has five recognized agencies
- Always Read for Children ED is still under development
- Discussed Danny's Dose Alliance requests

Education Committee – Mr. Cohen

None

NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- The recent PennSTAR aircraft crash is a good reminder for continued safety measures

New Jersey EMS Task Force (Task Force) – Dr. Vetrano

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- Currently supporting the NJ Forest Fire Service with Medical Operations
- Continue to aid with nursing home evacuations that occur
- Conducted a full-team meeting in May
- Actively pursuing sustainable funding sources for long-term operational needs

Trauma Council - Dr. Porter

- The State Trauma Plan is being forwarded to the Department of Health for further review.

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- Introduced Mr. Jeffrey Brown as the Acting Commissioner
- Introduced Dr. Novneet Shau, as Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services, who will also continue in the capacity of State EMS Medical Director
- The Department's Ethics Officer will be attending a future MAC meeting to review the roles of Special State Officers and Advisory Councils
- Members of EMS Advisory Council are considered Special State Officers
- The 2025 Ethics Training, Outside Questionnaire and signed MEMO, need to be completed by all EMS Advisory Council members
 - An email containing all instructions and requirements was sent to all members of this council, via email, on May 2, 2025
- Reminder to follow regulatory requirements for agency reportable events
- OEMS is awaiting input from the Board of Medical Examiners regarding single paramedic pronouncements
- The Department has issued a Nerve Agent Antidote Auto-Injector waiver for BLS
- The Department has received positive feedback on the successful administration of blood products by MICUs authorized for this practice

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- Active Paramedic numbers are at an all-time high
- OEMS is in the process of updating the NJEMS website
- Please remind all Mobility Assistance Vehicle (MAV) staff that patients in wheelchairs must not be removed from the vehicle in a backward-facing position

Discussion

None

New Business

- Discussed Quality Assurance requirements regarding the BLS Advanced Scope Waiver

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule

- September 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- December 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Cohen). Seconded (Mr. Lavagna). Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM