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The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)  
MINUTES of March 10, 2025

***Medical Directors Present:***

Dr. Kimberly Baldino (St. Joseph's Health), Dr. Joshua Bucher (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Dr. Mark Dreier (Valley Health System), Dr. Howard Felderman (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. Brett Greenfield (AtlantiCare), Dr. Ronald Klebacher (Virtua Health), Dr. Andreia Marques-Baptista (Capital Health), Dr. Amy Ondeyka (Inspira Health), Dr. Albert Ritter (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Dr. Timothy Satty (University Hospital), Dr. Barbara Schreibman (Englewood Health), Dr. Cheng Wang (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City)

***Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Present:***

Mr. John Cronin (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. James Fox (Holy Name), Ms. Michelle Kobayashi (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Thomas Lavagna (Virtua Health), Mr. Alex Lewinsky (Capital Health), Mr. Stephen Napoli (AtlantiCare), Mr. Anthony Raffino (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Geoffrey Roberts (Inspira Health), Mr. Rick Rohrbach (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Ingrid Santucci (Valley Health System), Mr. Keith Shipley (Hunterdon Health), Mr. David Stangreciak (University Hospital)

***Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Present:***

Mr. Matthew Bremy (Valley Health System), Mr. Steven Cohen (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Ms. Nicole Ferrarella (University Hospital), Mr. Mark Jeffries (AtlantiCare), Ms. Deborah Paglianite (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. David Petersen (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Kevin Pohlman (Holy Name), Mr. Alex Rosario (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Richard Schlosser (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. Neil Thorn (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Kevin Webb (St. Joseph's Health),

***Medical Directors Absent:***

Dr. Gerard Carroll (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Timothy Lancaster (Holy Name), Dr. Stephanie Ortega (Saint Clare's Health), Dr. Shaun Patterson (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Dr. Michael Prendergast (Hunterdon Health)

***Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Absent:***

Mr. Mark Bober (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. Dennis Castro (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Harry Shelton (Inspira Health), Mr. Richard Sposa (Englewood Health)

***Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Absent:***

Mr. Robert Bertollo (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Keith Elmer (Capital Health), Mr. Michael Geisler (Englewood Health), Mr. Bruce Graham (Virtua Health), Mr. Ronald Murphy (Cooper University Health Care)

***New Jersey Department of Health:***

Mr. Ryan Clancy, Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Dan Kazar, Dr. John Porter (Trauma Medical Director), Ms. Kirsten Posselt, Mr. Logan Rafferty, Mr. Christian Rios, Dr. Novneet Sahu, Mr. Timothy Seplaki

***Guests/Public Attendees:***

Mr. Bradley Borr, Dr. Paul Comber (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Ben Dafilou (PANJEMS), Dr. Lisa Drago (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Garrett Forosisky (Inspira Health), Dr. Alec Glucksman, Mr. Dionne Huggins (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Kyle Johansen (University Hospital), Mr. Andrew Koehler (NJSP), Ms. Julia Kulesa (Union County College), Mr. Wallace Maines (Atlantic Cape Community College), Mr. Jeff McBride (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. Scott Pasichow (University Hospital), Ms. Andrea Quinn (Rowan College at Burlington County), Mr. Evan Schwarz (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Dr. Matthew Steenberg, Dr. Jay Stiefel, Mr. Daniel Vega (University Hospital)

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on March 10, 2025, at the AAA Eastern Headquarters with a call to order at 10:03 AM by Dr. Barbara Schreibman

**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**

Motion to approve the September 2024 minutes (*Dr. Ronald Klebacher*) Seconded (*Dr. Howard Felderman*) Approved (*Unanimous*)

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**Presentation**

- Atlantic Cape Community College – Mr. Wallace Maines
  - Presented on Affective Domain
- Dr. Novneet Sahu
  - Presented on protocols

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council – Mr. Lovell

- Education is being provided to PSAPs regarding EMD guide cards and their application to asymptomatic hypertension, as it is not considered an ALS indicator

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs (NJAPP)

None

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

- No issues were reported with the BLS expanded scope of practice update when the committee recently met

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

- Balance as of February 25, 2025, is \$5,420,646.50
- Interpretation of P.L. 2024, c.68 was discussed

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

- Always Ready for Children program remains open. Agencies wishing to participate are encouraged to apply
- Pediatric guide cards remain under review

Education Committee – Mr. Cohen

None

NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- Statewide scene requests in 2024 totaled 2,941, reflecting an increase from 2,585 in 2023

New Jersey EMS Task Force (Task Force) - Mr. Lovell

- Twenty-five new members have been since January 1, 2025
- Discussions continue with the Department of Health to secure funding for FY26

Trauma Council - Dr. Porter

- Will convene on April 14, 2025, where a final draft of the state trauma plan is anticipated to be approved

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- OEMS completed interviews for multiple positions ranging from regulatory officer, program manager, to public health representatives
- Announced the hiring of Mr. Ryan Clancy as the EMS Task Force Coordinator for the Department

- Anti-choking position statement has been updated
- Thank you to Dr. Carroll, Ron Murphy and the rest of the team at Cooper who have worked tirelessly in editing, refining, and updating the statewide protocols. We greatly appreciate your dedication and hard work throughout this process. The updated protocol document was officially received last week.
- Clarification regarding 26:2K: Aspects of clinical practice that exceed the established scope of practice set by the Commissioner must be submitted to the mobile intensive care advisory council for review and recommendation. The 90-day timeline referenced in the statute pertains specifically to the Commissioner's decision-making period following the council's recommendation, for scope of practice changes. It does not represent a general timeline for protocol approval.
- The 2025 National Conference on EMS: Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center
  - Call for speakers is open. If you are interested in speaking, you may apply at [www.nationalemsconference.com](http://www.nationalemsconference.com)
  - Pre-conference is scheduled for November 18-19, 2025
  - Main conference is scheduled for November 20-22, 2025
  - The 2025 EMS Awards Program is scheduled for November 21, 2025
  - SIM competition prelims are scheduled to kick off on November 19, 2025.

#### OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- Work on the new credentialing platform continues
  - Initially, it will look different, but still maintain current functionality
  - Once the new platform is live, OEMS will continue to increase functionality for the educators and providers
- Regulation review continues with the Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance (OLRC)
- The review to update the NJ EMT refreshers continue
  - The updates will include expanded scope of practice for EMTs and will have time allotted for additional education at the discretion of the EMT-Instructor
- Blood Administration
  - Received three applications, waiting on blood bank approval.

#### New ALS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
46	44	26	12	9	137

#### New ALS Credentials – 2024 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
56	66	33	9	5	169

#### New ALS Credentials – January 1, 2025 – March 10, 2025

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
15	9	3	1	2	30

#### New BLS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
98	1,780	33	44	1,955

#### New BLS Credentials – 2024 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
127	1,933	35	125	2,220

#### New BLS Credentials – January 1, 2025 – March 10, 2025

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
30	383	5	27	445

#### Paramedic Inactive 2023

66 New Inactive

Average Age: **48**

Years of Service: **18 Years**

#### Paramedic Inactive 2024

45 New Inactive

Average Age: **48**

Years of Service: **Just over 18 Years**

#### New Business

- Dr. Satty
  - Those interested in assembling a committee to make an amendment to the protocols, please contact Dr. Satty

- Motion to submit a waiver to the Department of Health, permitting single Paramedic pronouncements in situations of obvious death
  - *Motion by: (Mr. Raffino) Seconded: (Mr. Sposa)*
  - Motion to accept: Yea: 18 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
- Dr. Porter
  - Will present on Trauma Gel during June's meeting

### **Old Business**

None

### **Public Comment**

- Dr. Matthew Steenberg
  - Discussed administration of nerve agent antidote auto-injectors by EMTs in the event of nerve agent exposure during the FIFA Club World Cup and FIFA World Cup.

### **Meeting Schedule**

- June 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- 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. (Dr. Wang). Approved (Unanimous)*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM