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The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)
MINUTES of December 11, 2023

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. Stephanie Ortega (Saint Clare's Health), Dr. Shaun Patterson (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), 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. Mark Bober (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. John Cronin (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. Thomas Lavagna (Virtua Health), Mr. Alex Lewinsky (Capital Health), Mr. Stephen Napoli (AtlantiCare), Mr. Rick Rohrbach (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Ingrid Santucci (Valley Health System), Mr. Richard Sposa (Englewood Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Present:

Mr. Matthew Bremy (Valley Health System), Mr. Steven Cohen (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Keith Elmer (Capital Health), Mr. Bruce Graham (Virtua Health), Mr. Mark Jeffries (AtlantiCare), Mr. Ronald Murphy (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Deborah Paglianite (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. David Petersen (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Richard Schlosser (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. Keith Shipley (Hunterdon Health), Mr. David Stangreciak (University Hospital), Mr. Neil Thorn (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network)

Medical Directors Absent:

Dr. Gerard Carroll (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Ronald Klebacher (Virtua Health), Dr. Timothy Lancaster (Holy Name), Dr. Andreia Marques-Baptista (Capital Health), Dr. Michael Prendergast (Hunterdon Health), Dr. Albert Ritter (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Dr. Jay Stiefel (Inspira Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Absent:

Mr. James Brady (University Hospital), Mr. Kenneth Bullwinkle (Inspira Health), Mr. Dennis Castro (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. James Fox (Holy Name), Ms. Michelle Kobayashi (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Joshua Otero (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Anthony Raffino (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Christopher Ryan (Hunterdon Health), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Absent:

Mr. Robert Bertollo (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Michael Geisler (Englewood Health), Ms. Patricia Lutz (Inspira Health), Mr. Kevin Pohlman (Holy Name), Mr. Alex Rosario (Hackensack Meridian Health)

Heath – HUMC), Mr. Kevin Webb (St. Joseph’s Health)

New Jersey Department of Health:

Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Dan Kazar, Mr. Tim Seplaki

Guests/Public Attendees:

Dr. Samuel Girgis (University Hospital), Dr. Alexander Kuc (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Amy Ondeyka (Inspira Health), Dr. Scott Pasichow (University Hospital), Dr. John Porter (Trauma Center Council), Dr. Todd Rapczynski (Inspira Health), Mr. Matthew Streger (Keavney & Streger, LLC)

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on December 11, 2023, at the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center with a call to order at 10:02 AM by Dr. Barbara Schreibman

PUBLIC NOTICE

“This is a formal meeting of the Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, c10:4.10 of New Jersey entitled, “Open Public Meetings Act.” Notices were sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were forwarded to 12 New Jersey newspapers, two New York newspapers, two wire services, and two Philadelphia newspapers.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 2023 meeting were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting

Motion to approve the September 2023 minutes (Mr. Thomas Lavagna) Seconded (Dr. Klebacher) Approved (Unanimous)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council

No Report

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

- Focus remains on achieving 100% compliance with the ALS protocols by January 31, 2024

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

- Discussed BLS Albuterol and expanding the BLS scope of practice

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

- EMT Training Fund balance is \$5,342,110.50

- Discussed Bill A3772 and the necessary changes to the EMT Training Fund that would need to take place if the Bill passes

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) – Mr. Hicken

- New Jersey will be one of the first states to complete the Pediatric Readiness Assessment of all licensed EMS agencies

Education Committee

No Report

NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- Discussed arterial line placement for interfacility transfers

	January 2022 – October 2022	January 2023 – October 2023
Scene Requests	1,477	2,190
Completed Missions	839	932
Interfacility Transports	1,616	1,687

New Jersey EMS Task Force (Task Force)

No Report

Trauma Council - Dr. Porter

- State Trauma plan draft was reviewed, and it was determined that four sub-committees will be created to review different areas
 - Finance
 - EMS
 - Definitive Care Facilities
 - System Wide Evaluation/Quality Assurance
- Discussed the development of standardized language for EMS trauma alerts

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- The Department has posted the position of EMS Medical Director and is in the process of conducting interviews
- Dr. Hathi has departed from her role as Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health
- Welcomed new Acting Deputy Commissioner, Greta Anschuetz
- Welcomed Ronald Hallam and Nicholas Seran to OEMS, as Public Health Representatives

- EMS conference had over 869 attendees. The Awards Ceremony had more than 550 guests and included nominees from Ohio and Florida
- The Department will be offering online education on December 18, 2023, from 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM. Please monitor your email inbox for more information and additional class offerings
- Culture of Safety/Safety Committee has started meeting again and will be focusing on mental health, lifting and moving, and re-evaluating lights and sirens/emergency transport. Anyone interested in participating contact Colin Taylor from OEMS
- EMSC has identified topics of interest within the school nursing community and are currently in the process of identifying speakers to offer school nurse education in early 2024
- Three OEMS staff from the EMSC section have been Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians and will be conducting child safety seat inspections through-out the State
- DOH is working on implementing a waiver of 8:40 for non-emergent transportation to take place in 2024. More information will be provided in the near future
- Proposed all councils/committees develop a recruitment, awareness, and preparedness plan (at our last quarterly meeting) Does anyone have any updates, ideas, or proposals?
 - EMS Day Camp
 - Career Day
 - High School recruitment
 - Possible funding – incorporate opioid use, recognition, treatment etc.

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- The Department will be implementing a regionalized approach for agency licensure. Each region will have a designated OEMS staff contact
- OEMS Investigators have noted an increase in unsecured vehicles. It is crucial to ensure that all vehicles are securely locked to mitigate any potential risks
- OEMS Investigators have identified instances of non-compliance with regulatory and statutory crew-member requirements across multiple agencies
- Agencies starting M-Z, are due for renewal by December 31, 2023
- When hiring staff, please make sure that you are verifying their credential
- There will be changes to the inspection sites which include the following:

- Burlington Fire Academy will be open every other week
- Cape May Fire Academy will be opening Quarterly
- Ocean County Fire Academy, to be open on the opposite weeks of Burlington Fire Academy
- When taking education classes, please vet that your instructor is in fact an instructor. This can be completed by going to the www.niems.us and verifying credential
- OEMS is continuing to evaluate the Training Fund Eligibility list. A revised list will be published in the near future
- New Certification/License Update and Education Class Update Since January 1, 2023

ALS Credentials	BLS Credentials	Education Classes
130	1,921	5,789

- The Department received 35 applicants for the Fall instructor screening session. In addition, there are 14 instructor candidates currently completing the alternative pathway process and 12 awaiting hours
- Upcoming Instructor Screenings, please take note of the day and time changes
 - Saturday, March 23, 2024 – 8AM - Gloucester
 - Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 8AM - Bergen
 - Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 1PM – East Brunswick
- The Department is not issuing extensions for the December 31, 2023, certification cycle

New Business

- Dr. Satty
 - Discussed potential timeline to revise ALS protocols. Dr. Schreiberman suggested waiting for new State EMS Medical Director before establishing a date for revision
- Dr. Schreiberman
 - Discussed Ativan, Ketamine, and Nitroglycerin Infusion shortages

Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule

- March 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM location TBD
- June 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM location TBD
- September 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM location TBD
- December 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM location TBD

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Greenfield) Seconded (Dr. Satty) Approved (Unanimous).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM