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**The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council**  
**MINUTES of September 17, 2025**

<b>Meeting Attendance</b>				
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>		<b>Alternate</b>	
Air Medical Advisory Committee	Dr. Alexander Kuc	A	Dr. Al Ritter	A
American College of Emergency Physicians	Dr. Kimberly Baldino	A	Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai	P
Career EMT	Alfred Lincs	P	Vacant	
Career Fire Chiefs Association	Nelson Wiest	A	Todd Bowen	A
Career Paramedic	Andy Lovell - Chair	A	Jennifer McCarthy	A
County EMS Coordinators	Louis Sasso	P	Bryan Fischberg	P
Emergency Nurses Association	Dominic Parone	A	Gregory Zanone	A
EMS Communications Committee	Nicholas Camisa	P	Dennis Patrisso	A
EMS for Children Committee	Dr. Lisa Drago	A	Vacant	
EMT Training Fund Committee	Dr. Stephen Vetrano – Vice Char	P	Vacant	
Immediate Past Council Chair	Dr. Mark Merlin	A	James Pruden	A
Medical Transport Association (MTA)	Gregory Scott	P	Vacant	
MICU Advisory Council	Dr. Gerard Carroll	A	Dr. Barbara Schreiberman	P
National Association of EMS Physicians	Dr. Joslyn Joseph	A	Dr. Timothy Satty	A
NJ Association of Paramedic Programs	Mark Bober	P	Richard Sposa	P
NJ Dept. of Highway Traffic Safety	Michael Rizol	A	Emelin Corado	A
NJ Hospital Association	Roger Sarao	P	Vacant	
NJ Poison Emergency Services	Diane Calello	P	Bruce Ruck	A
EMSCNJ-Central	Kari Phair	P	Apu Mullick	P
EMSCNJ-North	Alison Wallin	P	Barbara Nelson	P
EMSCNJ-President	Susan DeWitt	A	Paula Weiler	A
EMSCNJ-South	Barbara Platt	P	Brayn Platt	A
NJ State Police	Andrew Koehler	P	Vacant	
NJSP Emergency Telecommunications	Douglas Weidanz	A	William Mosley	A
Public Member	Cynthia Kirchner	A	Vacant	A
St. Barnabas Burn Center	Ralph Burgos	A	Kathe Conlon	A
State Trauma Advisory Committee	Dr. John Porter	P	Vacant	
Volunteer EMT	Mordechai Twerski	P	Eli Rubin	A
Senate President's Appointee	Vacant		Vacant	
Assembly Speaker's Appointee	Vacant		Vacant	
Volunteer Fire - EMS	Vacant		Vacant	
<b>New Jersey Department of Health Present</b>				
Candace Gardner	Daniel Kazar		Logan Rafferty	
Rachel Hammond	Dr. Kirsten Posselt		Dr. Novneet Sahu	
Dana Johnson	Dr. John Porter		Nicholas Seran	
<b>Public/Guest</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>			
Alec Glincksman	RWJBarnabas Health			
Kyle Johansen	University Hospital EMS			
Emelin Lorado	DHTS			
Jessica Ludwig	St. Peters Hospital			

The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council convened on September 17, 2025, at the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Dr. Stephen Vetrano.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is a formal meeting of EMS 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the New Jersey EMS Advisory Council via email prior to this meeting.

*Motion to approve the June 2025 minutes (Mr. Bober) Seconded (Ms. DeWitt) Approved (Unanimous)*

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- Ms. Rachel Hammond, Chief Ethics Officer for the Department of Health, presented on the requirements for special state officers and advisory council obligations

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Legislative Update – Mr. Seran

- Legislative update was distributed to the members of this Council via email prior to this meeting

#### Air Medical

None

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

- Lights and sirens utilization should be reserved for when it is medically necessary
- Discussion on the expanded scope of practice for BLS continues.
- BLS 12-Lead acquisition and transmission remains unfavored
- BLS agencies are reminded that they should obtain a full patient assessment inclusive of a complete set of vital signs

EMT Training Fund – Dr. Vetrano

- Reviewed fiscal report

EMS for Children (EMSC)

None

State Trauma Medical Director – Dr. Porter

- A trauma council subcommittee is being established to assist hospitals with disaster interoperability
- Have seen positive impacts from pre-hospital whole blood administration
- Hemostatic spray was discussed and was deemed as unfavorable

Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC) – Dr. Schreibman

- Version 3 of the New Jersey EMS Clinical Practice Protocols and Guidelines has been approved and are being implemented

SCTU Committee

None

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- 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 published on the Department's 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
- The Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health (EEOH) announced that funds are available from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund to reimburse Hepatitis B inoculations for certain EMTs, firefighters, and police officers
  - Each municipality may receive up to \$5,000 in reimbursement costs. Applications for reimbursement must be received by EEOH no later than June 5, 2026
- Naloxone resource bags continue to be available for every EMS agency in the state
- The Department will begin accepting NEMSIS 3.5.1

- Whole blood administration pre-hospital waiver was discussed highlighting the positive impact on patient outcomes
- During a 5-month period covering April to August, there were 27 pre-hospital whole blood administrations
  - 16 – University Hospital (13 Air, 3 Ground)
  - 7 – Hackensack Meridian Health (2 Air, 5 Ground)
  - 4 – Virtua (Ground)
  - Average time from arrival on scene to administration was 20 minutes
  - Average patient age was 52
  - No complications reported: 89% (11% not reporting)
- National Conference on EMS registration remains open

OEMS Education Report – Mr. Kazar

- Agencies that are building new vehicles are encouraged to contact your OEMS agency regional representative to verify graphics are regulatory compliant
- Recommend that all agencies review their protocols and procedures related to patient elopement incidents occurring while the patient is in EMS care
- Recommend that all agencies review their lights and sirens usage policy. Recommend decreasing the utilization of lights and sirens when transporting to the hospital unless medically warranted
- An EMT Refresher Program update continues to be reviewed
- New Jersey Provider Licensing and Learning Management System 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

New Jersey Task Force – Mr. Sasso

- Ongoing meetings with legislators continue in pursuit of a sustainable funding sources

- Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding has been approved for an additional cycle
- Preparations are actively underway for the FIFA World Cup

### **Written Organizational Report**

- County EMS Coordinators written report was sent to all members of the council via email

### **New Business**

- Nominating committee was established for the Vice-Chair of this committee. Dr. Barbara Schreiberman volunteered to lead the nominating committee
- Mr. Gregory Scott brought forth a federal grant funding opportunity pertaining to rural emergency medical services
  - *Motion to recommend the Commissioner of the Department of Health, for New Jersey make an application to the Rural Emergency Medical Services grant funding opportunity by Mr. Gregory Scott, Seconded (Ms. Paula Weiler). Motion approved (Unanimous)*
- Mr. Gregory Scott brought forth concerns about vaccination requirements for EMT students causing their withdrawal from the EMT Program
- Dr. Vetrano recommended the Advisory Council consider creating a Mobile Integrated Health sub-committee.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Meeting Schedule**

- *December 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP*

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Sasso) Seconded (Ms. Weiler) Approved (Unanimous)*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM