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The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council  
MINUTES of March 19, 2025

***Members Present***

Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai (American College of Emergency Physicians) (Alt), Dr. Kimberly Baldino (American College of Emergency Physicians), Mr. Michael Bascom (County EMS Coordinators), Mr. Mark Bober (NJ Association of Paramedic Programs), Dr. Joslyn Joseph (National Association of EMS Physicians), Mr. Alfred Lincks (Career EMT), Mr. Apu Mullick (EMSCNJ – Central) (Alt), Mr. Dominic Parone (Emergency Nurses Association), Dr. John Porter (Trauma Center Council), Mr. Scott Prykanowski (NJ Office of Emergency Telecommunications Systems) (Alt), Mr. Michael Rizol (NJ Department of Highway Traffic Safety), Dr. Bruce Ruck (NJ Poison Emergency Service) (Alt), Mr. Roger Sarao (NJ Hospital Association) (Alt), Dr. Barbara Schreibman (Mobile Intensive Care Unit Advisory Council) (Alt), Mr. Gregory Scott (Medical Transportation Authority of NJ), Mr. Mordechai Twerski (Volunteer EMT), Ms. Alison Wallin (EMSCNJ – North), Ms. Paula Weiler (EMSCNJ – President) (Alt)

***Members Absent***

Mr. Todd Bowen (Career Fire Chiefs Association) (Alt), Mr. Ralph Burgos (St. Barnabas Burn Center), Mr. Joseph Burlew (EMS Communications Committee), Dr. Diane Calello (NJ Poison Emergency Service), Dr. Gerard Carroll (MICU Advisory Council), Ms. Kathe Conlon (St. Barnabas Burn Center) (Alt), Ms. Emelin Corado (NJ Department of Highway Traffic Safety) (Alt), Ms. Sue DeWitt (EMSCNJ – President), Dr. Lisa Drago (EMS for Children), Ms. Cynthia Kirchner (Public Member), Mr. Andrew Koehler (NJ State Police), Dr. Alexander Kuc (Air Medical Advisory Committee), Mr. Andy Lovell (Career Paramedic), Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (Career Paramedic) (Alt), Dr. Mark Merlin (Immediate Past Council Chair), Ms. Barbara Nelson (EMSCNJ – North) (Alt), Ms. Kari Phair (EMSCNJ – Central), Ms. Barbara Platt (EMSCNJ – South), Mr. Bryan Platt (EMSCNJ – South) (Alt), Dr. James Pruden (Immediate Past Council Chair) (Alt), Dr. Albert Ritter (Air Medical Advisory Committee) (Alt), Mr. Eli Rubin (Volunteer EMT) (Alt), Mr. Louis Sasso (EMS Communications Committee) (Alt), Dr. Timothy Satty (National Association of EMS Physicians) (Alt), Mr. Richard Sposa (NJ Association of Paramedic Programs) (Alt), Dr. Stephen Vetrano (EMTTF Chair), Mr. Douglas Weidanz (NJSP Emergency Telecommunications), Mr. Nelson Wiest (Career Fire Chiefs Association), Mr. Gregory Zanone (Emergency Nurses Association) (Alt)

***New Jersey Department of Health***

Mr. Ryan Clancy, Mr. Dan Kazar, Dr. Kirsten Posselt, Mr. Logan Rafferty, Mr. Christian Rios, Dr. Novneet Sahu, Mr. Timothy Seplaki

### ***Guest/Public Attendees***

Ms. Emily Blumenstyk (Culture of Safety Committee), Dr. Jay Stiefel

The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council convened on March 19, 2025, at the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Mr. Michael Bascom

### **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. 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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Legislative Update – Mr. Rios

- Legislative update was distributed to the members of the New Jersey EMS Advisory Council via email prior to this meeting

#### Air Medical

None

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

- The 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 was discussed at the MAC Meeting

#### EMT Training Fund – Dr. Vetrano

- Interpretation of Public Law 2024, Chapter 68 was discussed

#### Communications

None

#### EMS for Children (EMSC) – Dr. Drago

- Always Ready for Children program is live
- Pediatric guide cards remain under review

#### State Trauma Medical Director – Dr. Porter

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

### Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC) – Dr. Schreiber

- Trauma gel was discussed, and further research is being conducted on the product by Cooper University Medical Center in collaboration with the U.S. Military
- Version 3 of the protocols has been sent to the state medical director for review

### SCTU Committee

None

### OEMS Report – Mr. Kazar

- 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 device 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 Jersey Task Force – Mr. Bascom**

- Continuing to meet with legislators to obtain funding. Current HPP funding ends on June 30, 2025
- Continues to plan for FIFA Club World Cup and FIFA World Cup

**Written Organizational Report**

None

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Schedule**

- June 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- September 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- December 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Bober) Seconded (Mr. Sarao) Approved (Unanimous)*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM