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The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council
MINUTES of December 11, 2024

Members Present

Dr. Kimberly Baldino (American College of Emergency Physicians), Mr. Mark Bober (NJ Association of Paramedic Programs), Mr. John Butterweck (EMSCNJ – Central), , Dr. Joslyn Joseph (National Association of EMS Physicians), Mr. Andrew Koehler (NJ State Police), Mr. Alfred Lincks (Career EMT), Mr. Andy Lovell (Career Paramedic), Mr. Dominic Parone (Emergency Nurses Association), Ms. Barbara Platt (EMSCNJ – South), Dr. Timothy Satty (National Association of EMS Physicians) (Alt), Dr. Barbara Schreibman (Mobile Intensive Care Unit Advisory Council) (Alt), Mr. Gregory Scott (Medical Transportation Authority of NJ), Mr. Roger Sarao (NJ Hospital Association) (Alt), Mr. Mordechai Twerski (Volunteer EMT), Dr. Stephen Vetrano (EMTTF Chair), , Ms. Paula Weiler (NJSFAC – President)

Members Absent

Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai (American College of Emergency Physicians) (Alt), Mr. Michael Bascom (County EMS Coordinators), Mr. Todd Bowen (Career Fire Chiefs Association) (Alt), Mr. Joseph Burlew (EMS Communications Committee), Mr. Ralph Burgos (St. Barnabas Burn Center), 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 (NJSFAC – North) (Alt), Dr. Lisa Drago (EMS for Children), Ms. Cynthia Kirchner (Public Member), Dr. Alexander Kuc (Air Medical Advisory Committee), Ms. Jennifer McCarthy (Career Paramedic) (Alt), Dr. Mark Merlin (Immediate Past Council Chair), Mr. Tarcisio Nunes (NJSFAC – North), Mr. Bryan Platt (EMSCNJ – South) (Alt), Dr. John Porter (Trauma Medical Director), Dr. James Pruden (Immediate Past Council Chair) (Alt), Mr. Scott Prykanowski (NJ Office of Emergency Telecommunications Systems) (Alt), Dr. Albert Ritter (Air Medical Advisory Committee) (Alt), Mr. Michael Rizol (NJ Department of Highway Traffic Safety), Mr. Eli Rubin (Volunteer EMT) (Alt), Dr. Bruce Ruck (NJ Poison Emergency Service) (Alt), Mr. Louis Sasso (EMS Communications Committee) (Alt), Mr. Richard Sposa (NJ Association of Paramedic Programs) (Alt), Joseph Walsh (EMSCNJ – Central) (Alt), Mr. Douglas Weidanz (NJSP Emergency Telecommunications), Mr. Ken Weinberg (NJSFAC – President) (Alt), Mr. Nelson Wiest (Career Fire Chiefs Association), Mr. Gregory Zanone (Emergency Nurses Association) (Alt)

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Ms. Cassandra Angelo, Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Eric Hicken, Mr. Dan Kazar, Ms. Rita Masiello, Ms. Kirsten Posselt, Mr. Christian Rios, Mr. Timothy Seplaki, Mr. Nicholas Seran

Guest/Public Attendees

Ms. Emily Blumenstyk (Culture of Safety Committee), Mr. Bill Rosen (Culture of Safety Committee), Dr. Jay Stiefel, Melissa Walker

The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council convened on December 11, 2024, at the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Mr. Andy Lovell

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting were distributed to the members of the New Jersey EMS Advisory Council via email prior to this meeting.

*Motion to approve the September 2024 minutes (Mr. Lincks) Seconded (Dr. Schreiberman)
Approved (Unanimous)*

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. Satty

- The committee exchanged correspondences regarding intranasal epinephrine
 - A consensus was reached that, due to the lack of supporting data and a proven modality, the committee does not favor its use and recommends withholding implementation and administration, prehospitally

EMT Training Fund – Dr. Vetrano

- Discussed financial report and interpretation of Public Law 2024, Chapter 68

Communications – Mr. Burlew

None

EMS for Children (EMSC) – Dr. Drago

None

State Trauma Medical Director – Dr. Porter

None

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

- Protocol version 3 has been finalized and will be presented to the MAC for voting at the upcoming meeting
- Provided an update on pre-hospital blood administration for shock and trauma
- Reviewed the pre-hospital Buprenorphine program and its ongoing implementation
- Sub-committee continues to work on draft blood product protocols. Anyone who has feedback may email Dr. Carroll
- Discussed AMU dispatch policy change

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- Welcomed Gabrielle Moitinho to OEMS, as a Public Health Representative

Agency Licensure

- The license decals for vehicles will no longer include the year

Conference, Awards Ceremony, SIM

- Thanked everyone for a very successful National Conference on EMS, with over 1000 attendees, which was the largest conference to date
- The Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive collected 46 pints of blood
- Call for speakers for the 2025 Conference is anticipated to open mid to late January
- Anyone with feedback for this year's conference please contact Mr. Tim Seplaki

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- The Department is not issuing extensions for the December 31, 2024, certification cycle
- Inactive Paramedic requests will be completed by December 31, 2024
- EMT-Refresher Program update has been completed and is under review by the Department

New ALS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

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

New ALS Credentials – January 1, 2024 – December 2, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
55	60	30	9	5	159

New BLS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

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

New BLS Credentials – January 1, 2024 – December 2, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
118	1,788	32	114	2,052

New Jersey Task Force – Mr. Lovell

- Proposal has been submitted to the governor's office to replace assets
- Conducted a full-scale exercise at Stockton University
- Physician response model has been updated. Any resident, fellows, or physician interested in participating, please contact Mr. Lovell

Written Organizational Report

EMS Council of NJ - Ms. Weiler

- The EMS Council of New Jersey conference was held in October
- Former president Mary Ann Ferrara and current treasure Kenneth Weinberg passed away

New Business

Culture of Safety – Ms. Blumenstyk

- Feedback has been received on guidelines for lifting and moving, as well as emergency vehicle operations
 - Currently preparing these guidelines for distribution

- Seeking an expert on dispatch as the dispatch practices directly influence lights and sirens use
- Developing an infection control and prevention guideline for EMS

Nomination Committee

- Received nominations for Chairperson and one of three Executive Council members
- Nomination from the floor for two Executive Council members:
 - Dr. Schreibman
 - Barbara Platt
- *Motion to close nominations (Mr. Bober) Seconded (Dr. Joseph) Approved (Unanimous)*
- Nominations are uncontested
 - Seconded: Mark Bober
 - A single ballot was cast by the Secretary
 - EMS Advisory Committee Officers are:
 - Chairperson: Andy Lovell
 - Executive Council Member:
 - Dr. Schreibman
 - Barbara Platt
 - Michael Bascom

Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule

- March 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- 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 (Ms. Platt) Seconded (Dr. Schreiber) Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM