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The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council
MINUTES of December 17, 2025

Meeting Attendance				
Organization	Representative		Alternate	
Air Medical Advisory Committee	Dr. Alexander Kuc	A	Dr. Al Ritter	A
American College of Emergency Physicians	Dr. Kimberly Baldino	A	Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai	A
Career EMT	Alfred Lincs	P	Vacant	
Career Fire Chiefs Association	Nelson Wiest	A	Todd Bowen	A
Career Paramedic	Andy Lovell - Chair	P	Jennifer McCarthy	A
County EMS Coordinators	Louis Sasso*	P	Bryan Fischberg	P
Emergency Nurses Association	Dominic Parone	A	Gregory Zanone	P
EMS Communications Committee	Nicholas Camisa*	P	Dennis Patrisso	A
EMS for Children Committee	Dr. Lisa Drago	P	Vacant	
EMT Training Fund Committee	Dr. Stephen Vetrano – Vice Char	A	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	P	Dr. Timothy Satty	A
NJ Association of Paramedic Programs	Mark Bober	P	Richard Sposa	A
NJ Dept. of Highway Traffic Safety	Michael Rizol	A	Emelin Corado	A
NJ Hospital Association	Roger Sarao	A	Vacant	
NJ Poison Emergency Services	Diane Calello	P	Bruce Ruck	A
EMSCNJ-Central	Kari Phair	A	Apu Mullick	P
EMSCNJ-North	Alison Wallin	P	Barbara Nelson	A
EMSCNJ-President	Susan DeWitt	A	Paula Weiler	P
EMSCNJ-South	Barbara Platt	P	Brayn Platt	A
NJ State Police	Andrew Koehler	A	Vacant	
NJSP Emergency Telecommunications	Douglas Weidanz	A	William Mosley	A
Public Member	Cynthia Kirchner	A	Vacant	
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	
New Jersey Department of Health Present				
Candace Gardner		Daniel Kazar		
Eric Hicken		Logan Raforty		
Dana Johnson		Nicholas Seran		
Public/Guest				
Name	Agency			
Emily Blumenstyk	Culture of Safety			
Bil Rosen	Culture of Safety			

The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council convened on December 17, 2025, at the NJOHSP with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Mr. Andy Lovell.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

*Motion to approve the September 2025 minutes (Dr. Schreiber) Seconded (Ms. Weiler)
Approved (Unanimous)*

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 – Mr. Fischberg

- Concerns that use of advanced scope-of-practice diagnostics or interventions by BLS clinicians may prolong on-scene time and delay ALS intercepts
 - Recommend continued education at the agency level to address this issue, reinforce the appropriate utilization of ALS resources, and minimize delays in transport to definitive care
- Utilization of glucometers at the BLS level appears to be less impactful on patient outcomes than originally anticipated
- 12-Lead EKG acquisition at the BLS level was discussed and remains unfavorable

EMT Training Fund – Dr. Vetrano

None

EMS for Children (EMSC) – Dr. Drago

None

State Trauma Medical Director – Dr. Porter

- The State Performance Improvement Subcommittee has been established with a focus on long-term care facilities
- Have seen positive impacts from pre-hospital whole blood administration
- Hemostatic spray was discussed and determined to be unfavorable

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

- Received a presentation on the use of point-of-care ultrasound to support respiratory assessments and improve diagnostic accuracy in the prehospital setting
- Olanzapine was presented and discussed, including its potential application and considerations for use in the prehospital setting
- The MAC agreed to conduct scheduled reviews of clinical protocols

SCTU Committee

None

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- The National Conference on EMS celebrated its twentieth anniversary, while the EMS Awards Program marked its twenty-fifth anniversary
- Reminders regarding Blood Administration Waiver Authorization were provided
 - Agencies experiencing barriers are encouraged to contact OEMS for assistance
- The Department is preparing for the administration of the Rural Health Transformation Grant
- Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) regulations are pending final approval from the Governor's Office
- The Non-Emergent Transport EMR waiver will be extended until the promulgation of new regulations.
- Efforts are underway to consolidate Advisory Council Sub-Committees and align them with applicable statutes

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- Agencies are reminded to have ambulances prepared for cold and adverse weather conditions
- The New Jersey EMS Provider Licensing Platform continues to be updated

- Several new EMT Initial Education Programs are in the review process with hopes to have several additions by end of year

New Jersey EMS Task Force – Mr. Sasso

- Ongoing meetings with state legislators continue in an effort to secure sustainable funding
- Preparations are actively underway for the FIFA World Cup
 - Participating in multiple committees and subcommittees related to World Cup planning and coordination
- Several educational and training initiatives are currently in progress to support workforce development and system readiness

New Business

- NJ Poison Control identified a recent uptick in Carbon Monoxide Poisonings
 - Recommend that all agencies be familiar with the closest facilities capable of providing hyperbaric chamber treatment
- Overdose kits are available through the Department of Health and Naloxone is available through the Department of Human Services

Nomination Committee

- *Motion to close nominations and submit a single ballot (Mr. Bober) Seconded (Ms. Calello) Approved (Unanimous)*
 - A single ballot was cast by the Secretary
 - The 2026 EMS Advisory elections include:
 - Vice Chairperson: Dr. Vetrano

Old Business

- Mr. Gregory Scott raised concerns regarding vaccination requirements for EMT students, noting that these requirements have resulted in some students withdrawing from the EMT Program.
 - Discussion ensued

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule

- March 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Schreibman) Seconded (Mr. Bober) Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM