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New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council  
June 9, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

**Meeting called to order:** June 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – Stephen Vetrano

**Roll Call** – Daniel Kazar

**Motion to approve March 10, 2021 meeting minutes:**

- Motion: **Barbara Schreiberman** Seconded: **Andy Lovell**
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0**

**General Discussion** – Stephen Vetrano

- Next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined
  - Holiday conflict, will determine a new date

**Legislative Update** – Zach Raab

- Sent to Council

**Air Medical** - Gerard Carroll

- No report

**BLS Subcommittee** - Andy Lovell

- Recommendation made to OEMS and MAC for the addition of four items within the BLS Scope of practice
  - MAC agreed with two of the four items
- Consideration and adoption of the “New Jersey Protocols”
- Staffing levels for BLS ambulances from two EMTs to one EMT and one CPR certified individual/Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

**Discussion and Questions**

- Waiver for N.J.A.C. 8:40-6.3 extension
- EMT staffing and S2851
- Bridge program from EMR to EMT

**Training Fund** – Stephen Vetrano

- Financial report
- Projected revenue

- Increased reimbursement for EMT Refresher Courses
- Approved the EMS Council of New Jersey’s budget for their Educational Symposium

**Communications - Joseph Burlew**

- 2021 NENA Conference
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Emergency Triage, Treatment and Transport (ET3) Cards

**EMS for Children – Eric Hicken**

- Waiting on appointments
- Survey was completed
- Pediatric readiness assessment is in progress
  - Completed every 18-24 months

**Discussion and Questions**

- Recruitment and Retention

**Trauma Center Council - Vacant**

- No Report

**MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreiber**

- New Jersey Protocols
  - Sent out most updated version
  - Need to stop calling the newly drafted New Jersey Protocols the “Vermont Protocols”
  - Expected to be a living a document
  - Will be voted on at the next MAC meeting
- Approvals
  - BLS use of albuterol, as a standard of care
  - Glucometer use

**Discussion and Questions**

- Over the Counter Analgesics
- 12-Lead acquisition

**SCTU Committee - Vacant**

- No Report

**OEMS – Terry Clancy**

- New staff
  - Lisa Kahle
  - Michael Small
  - Eva Nelson
- Legislation signed, ending the public health emergency
  - All waivers remain in effect until further guidance is issued

- PPE Guidelines
  - All EMS providers need to continue to wear masks while having contact with patients, EMS are considered healthcare providers
- The RACE Scale
  - Education materials are being finalized
- Agencies not picking up patients from dialysis centers
  - Calls to the OEMS afterhours line
    - Not as frequent, but still occurring
  - OEMS cannot arrange for transports
- Licensing Platform
  - All agencies should log in and update their information
- ePCR Compliance
  - Ongoing issue with ePCRs not being completed within twenty-four hours
  - Action is being taken against agencies who are non-compliant
  - Non-compliant agencies are down from 66 to 7
    - Bradley Beach First Aid Squad – Monmouth County
    - Liberty Corner First Aid Squad – Somerset County
    - Long Hills First Aid Squad – Morris County
    - Norma Alliance Fire and Rescue – Salem County
    - Roxbury Fire Co. #1 First Aid Squad – Morris County
    - Roxbury Fire Co. #3 First Aid Squad – Morris County
    - Teaneck Ambulance Corps – Bergen County
- Violations being found
  - Vehicles are not inspected
  - Air conditioning not functioning
  - Warning lights on the dash
  - Unsecure vehicles
- Unusual Occurrences
  - Can now be submitted through the licensing account
    - <https://newjersey.imagetrendlicense.com/lms/public>
  - The link on the OEMS website will be deactivated in the near future
- EMSC Newsletter
- Trauma Informed Care
  - Third online class to be held
    - June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>
- National Conference on EMS
  - November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, in person
  - Pre-conference on November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Schedule is being finalized
  - Award nominations are still being accepted
  - SIM competition
- Regulations
  - Development continues
  - Expanded scope of practice and incorporation of the New Jersey Protocols, which the NJ EMS Council and MAC have put forth, to be included
- OEMS Open Positions

- Accepting applications
- Vaccination Effort
  - OEMS involvement

**Discussion and Questions**

- ePCR completion
- RACE Score
  - ePCR documentation
  - Transport guidelines
- Waivers
  - The waivers issued by OEMS will remain active until January 11, 2022 unless otherwise noted
- State of Emergency

**EMS Education - Candace Gardner**

- Elective Education Platform
  - Online vendor system has gone live
  - Next training session, June 23, 2021
  - Master list of canned courses has been published
- OEMS Emails
  - [reciprocity@doh.nj.gov](mailto:reciprocity@doh.nj.gov)
  - [electiveceus@doh.nj.gov](mailto:electiveceus@doh.nj.gov)
  - [emtinitials@doh.nj.gov](mailto:emtinitials@doh.nj.gov)
  - [audits@doh.nj.gov](mailto:audits@doh.nj.gov)

**Discussion and Questions**

- Website utilization for OEMS emails

**New Jersey EMS Task Force – Andy Lovell**

- Partnership with DOH and vaccination efforts
- Visiting Nurse Association involvement
- New member orientation
- American Rescue Plan Funding

**Discussion and Questions**

- Federal Medical Station equipment

**Motion to approve all oral and written reports**

- Motion: **Andy Lovell** Seconded: **Barbara Schreibman**
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0**

**Public Comment**

- Paula Weiler – Ransomware concern
- Dominic Perone – Emergency Nurses Association Conference, March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2022

**New Business**

- None

**Old Business**

- None

**Motion to adjourn: 11:07 a.m.**

- Motion: **Barbara Schreibman** Seconded: **Andy Lovell**
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0**