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New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council  
March 10, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

**Meeting called to order:** March 10, 2021 10:04 a.m. – Stephen Vetrano

- Moment of Silence

**Roll Call** – Daniel Kazar

**General Discussion** – Mark Merlin

- Next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined

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

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

**Legislative Update** – Zach Raab (*Absent*)

- Update will be emailed

**Air Medical** - Gerard Carroll (*Absent*)

- No report

**BLS Subcommittee** - Andy Lovell

- Four specific scope of practice items recommended for adoption
  - Presented to MAC earlier this week
    - Endorsed by MAC
      - Inhaled Beta-Agonists
      - Blood Glucose Monitoring
    - Not endorsed by MAC
      - 12-Lead Acquisition
      - Oral over the counter analgesics
  - Forwarded to OEMS

**Discussion and Questions**

- Next step in adopting the scope of practice items
  - Determine the reluctance of the items not endorsed by MAC
  - Awaiting action by OEMS
- MAC concerns on the non-endorsed scope of practice items

- National Education Standards related to scope of practice

**Training Fund – Stephen Vetrano**

- Financial report
- Discussions ensue to raise the reimbursement rate for EMT Refresher Courses

**Discussion and Questions**

- Reimbursement increase

**Communications - Joseph Burlew**

- 2021 NENA Conference
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Updates to EMD cards
- State P25 Upgrade
  - Phase I has been completed
  - Phase II has started
    - Will take approximately two years
- The MCCs are in the process of coming online

**EMS for Children – Eric Hicken**

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Virtual Format
- Reorganization and reappointments of the EMSC Committee continue
- Thank you to those who participated in the national survey

**Trauma Center Council - Vacant**

- No Report

**MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreiber**

- Updates
  - ACLS Protocols
  - Suboxone
- Vermont Protocols
  - In final comment period within MAC
  - Will be voted on at June meeting

**Discussion and Questions**

- Vermont Protocols

**SCTU Committee - Vacant**

- No Report

**OEMS – Terry Clancy**

- 2021 EMS for Children Survey
  - Thank you to all who completed

- Questions regarding the completion, contact Zach Raab
- Charts
  - All charts need to be completed and locked within 24-hours
  - Charts are found to be incomplete for weeks and months
- Retention and Recruitment work group
  - Eric Hicken has convened the group
  - Purpose of the group is to identify solutions revolving around ongoing staffing concerns at the BLS and ALS level
  - The work group will meet monthly
  - Contact Eric if interested in being part of the work group
- New Licensing System
  - Will be launched soon
- Unusual Occurrences
  - Complete the unusual occurrence report through the Department's website at [www.nj.gov/health/ems/ems-toolbox/](http://www.nj.gov/health/ems/ems-toolbox/)
- COVID Waivers and Executive Orders
  - If utilizing any, please report it to the department
- After Hours Hotline
  - To be used for emergencies only
- Non-Emergency Transports
  - Reports of Dialysis patients not being picked up in a timely manner
    - Patients and facilities waiting 5-6 hours for transport, if they show
  - Managers are telling the Dialysis centers to call OEMS and complain
    - OEMS does not arrange transports
  - Inappropriate delays will be investigated
- EMS Data Repository
  - All agencies can obtain login credentials to access their account
  - Direct all questions and issues to Tim Seplaki (Timothy.seplaki@doh.nj.gov)
- Non-Reporting Agencies
  - Agencies non-compliant as of March 10, 2021:
    - Rochelle Park, Bergen County
    - Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance, Bergen County
    - Green Brook Fire and EMS, Somerset County
    - Bradley Beach First Aid Squad, Monmouth County
    - Spring Lake First Aid Emergency Squad, Monmouth County
    - Long Hill First Aid Squad, Morris County
    - Mendham Boro First Aid Squad, Morris County
    - Roxbury Fire Company #1, Morris County
    - Roxbury Fire Company #3, Morris County
    - Norma Alliance Fire and Rescue, Salem County
    - Liberty Corner First Aid, Somerset County
    - Hamburg Fire and EMS, Sussex County
  - Final non-compliance notices will be issued
    - Non-compliance after receipt of the final notice will result in a monetary penalty
- iPads

- Free program has ended
  - Notification will be made if more become available
- NEMISIS 3.5
  - Tentative adoption is Summer of 2021
- Trauma Informed Care
  - Trauma 101
    - Interactive, virtual training
- Epinephrine Auto Injectors
  - Received from Strategic National Stockpile
  - Distribution list was given to the warehouse
    - Will be shipped to all the county OEM's for distribution to the agencies who responded to the survey
- Bill A5103
  - The State needs to certify that there are guidelines for field triage as a condition of licensure
    - An audit needs to be conducted to ensure compliance
  - Defines an Emergency Medical Services provider
  - Hospital Component
    - Acute care hospitals need to maintain trauma patient transfer criteria and agreements
- Opioid Bill Package
  - Paramedics and EMTs will not only be able to administer naloxone, but also dispense it if they have a medical director
- Vaccination Efforts
- Ebola Update
- Vaccine Hesitancy
  - Within the first responder community
- OEMS Candidates
- National Conference on EMS 2021
  - Pre-Conference, November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Conference, November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Speaker schedule is tentatively complete
  - Sim-Competition
  - EMS Awards
    - Nominations submitted last year are being carried over
    - Nominations will be accepted through August 16, 2021

### **Discussion and Questions**

- Non-Compliant Organizations
- Delay in non-emergency transports
- LogistiCare

### **EMS Education - Candace Gardner**

- Elective Continuing Education Platform
- Online Provider Elective Continuing Education Platform

- OEMS Staffing
  - Elodie Stamberger has left the Department
- New specific topic email addresses

#### **Discussion and Questions**

- Emergency Medical Dispatch Class
- Instructor applications and access

#### **New Jersey EMS Task Force – Mike Bascom**

- Acquired equipment through a grant
- COVID-19 efforts

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

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

#### **Public Comment**

- None

#### **New Business**

- Body Cameras
  - Law Enforcement use of body cameras during EMS interactions
  - HIPPA Compliance
  - HIPPA Compliance Officer
  - Internal Legal Counsel
- MICN Patches
  - Clarification forthcoming

#### **Old Business**

- None

#### **Motion to adjourn: 11:34 a.m.**

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