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 15th, 16th, and 17th
- 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 Schreibman
- 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
    o All charts need to be completed and locked within 24-hours
    o Charts are found to be incomplete for weeks and months
  • Retention and Recruitment work group
    o Eric Hicken has convened the group
    o Purpose of the group is to identify solutions revolving around ongoing staffing concerns at the BLS and ALS level
    o The work group will meet monthly
    o Contact Eric if interested in being part of the work group
  • New Licensing System
    o Will be launched soon
  • Unusual Occurrences
    o 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
    o If utilizing any, please report it to the department
  • After Hours Hotline
    o To be used for emergencies only
  • Non-Emergency Transports
    o Reports of Dialysis patients not being picked up in a timely manner
      ▪ Patients and facilities waiting 5-6 hours for transport, if they show
    o Managers are telling the Dialysis centers to call OEMS and complain
      ▪ OEMS does not arrange transports
    o Inappropriate delays will be investigated
  • EMS Data Repository
    o All agencies can obtain login credentials to access their account
    o Direct all questions and issues to Tim Seplaki (Timothy.seplaki@doh.nj.gov)
  • Non-Reporting Agencies
    o 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
    o 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 10th
  - Conference, November 11th – 13th
  - 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
  o 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
  o Law Enforcement use of body cameras during EMS interactions
  o HIPPA Compliance
  o HIPPA Compliance Officer
  o Internal Legal Counsel
• MICN Patches
  o 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**