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New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council
September 14, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: September 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – Mark Merlin

Roll Call – Daniel Kazar

Legislative Update – Zachary Raab

- The legislative report was sent to council members last week

Air Medical - Gerard Carroll

- No Report

BLS Subcommittee - Andy Lovell

- Began discussing supraglottic airways for basic life support (BLS)
 - Consensus within the committee has not been reached yet
- Discussed the use of surgical masks vs. N95's for providers and the protection that each mask offers
- Discussed the need for BLS staffing levels past January 1, 2022

Discussion and Questions

- The goals with the supraglottic airways for BLS have not been addressed yet, as it is a new discussion point

Training Fund – Stephen Vetrano

- No Report

Communications - Joseph Burlew

- Effective August 31, 2022 New Jersey will be switching to the P25 Radio System
- JEMS Radio Plan and State Interoperability Plan (SIP)
- The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Conference is November 15th - 17th
- Updates to Guide cards are coming
- Request for Application (RFA) for E-911 as been disseminated

Discussion and Questions

- Switching to new P25 system

EMS for Children – Eric Hicken

- Reorganization meeting upcoming
- Awarded an annual grant for training, conferences etc.
- Reintroducing EMS for Children newsletter
 - Will be electronic and awarded CEUs
- In the process of purchasing car seats that are collapsible, for utilization on trains, buses, etc.

Trauma Center Council - Vacant

MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreiber

- Progress continues with the New Jersey State Protocols
- Working on the statewide pharmacology list
- Recommended Glucometers, Albuterol and Nebulizers for EMTs
- Discussed changes to the optional medication list
- Approved a pilot project for paramedics to be trained in ultrasound

Discussion and Questions

- Discussed the COVID precautions during the upcoming National Conference on EMS, which includes the wearing of masks

SCTU Committee - Vacant

- No Report

OEMS – Candace Gardner

- RACE resources and documentation have been posted to the OEMS website
- All licensed agencies should be uploading their trauma triage policies to the State licensing platform
- 2021 National Conference on EMS scheduled for November 11th – 13th
 - Pre-conference on November 10th
- Ensure that EMS staff are utilizing appropriate PPE
- Unusual Occurrence reports have been moved from State website to the State licensing platform
 - Educational unusual occurrences will still be located on the State website
- The Jersey City site for ambulance inspections has been reopened
- Introduction of new education OEMS staff members

Discussion and Questions

- COVID precautions and guidelines during the conference
- Uploading of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to the new State licensing platform

EMS Education - Candace Gardner

- Fourteen (14) online vendors to date
- Four-Hundred and Eleven (411) continuing education providers, not inclusive of EMT initial and refresher programs have been trained and provided access

- Since March 2021, approved over one thousand (1000) continuing education classes and seven hundred and eighty (780) refresher classes
- Next training session for continuing education providers will be conducted on October 1, 2021
- Thirty-one active EMT-Instructor candidates
- Upcoming EMT-Instructor screenings scheduled for September 19th, October 9th and October 23rd
- New paramedic program coordinator for Atlantic Cape Community College
- National Registry Paramedic examination redesign

New Jersey EMS Task Force – Michael Bascom

- Continue with vaccination efforts with the Department of Health, throughout the State
- Funding and grants
- Upcoming high-profile events

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**

Motion to approve June 9, 2021 meeting minutes:

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

Public Comment

- None

New Business

- Pronouncements by BLS during large scale incidents and/or natural disasters
 - Termination of resuscitative efforts vs. pronouncement
 - The Department clarified that there is no waiver authorizing BLS providers to pronounce a patient
- Nomination Committee for Vice-Chairman
 - Andy Lovell appointed to nominating committee
 - Nominee names will be sent out at least four (4) weeks prior to the December meeting

Old Business

- None

Motion to adjourn: 10:44 a.m.

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