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New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council

December 13, 2004

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Waxler called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

The minutes for the September 2004 New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council Meeting were approved.

MICU FUTURE PLANNING

Dr. Larry DesRochers

- LMA pilot project – Updated N.J.A.C. 8:40 regulations will contain a section detailing advanced airway procedures for BLS to include commercial esophageal multi-lumen devices. Generic wording will be used to allow for commercial airways other than the LMA.
- A BLS and SCTU subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for some time in January/February. These meetings are established off of the MICU advisory council; therefore members are encouraged to participate.
- Initiation of the diversion web site will begin sometime after first of year. Once operational, communication centers will be advised of web site and will be asked to beta test the site for a few weeks.
- Clarification on the atrial tachycardia standing orders. If the rhythm is PSVT then vagal maneuvers and adenosine will be used. If the rhythm is a-fib the paramedic is to go right to Cardizem.
- Important dates:
 - EMS for children conference- May 1st and 2nd 2005. Ramada Inn, Hightstown, NJ
 - EMS Awards Dinner – May 1st 2005. Ramada Inn Hightstown, NJ (Note: All nominations **must** be received by OEMS on or before March 4, 2005.)
 - New Jersey State EMS Conference hosted by OEMS September 16-17-18, 2005 in Princeton. Multiple tracks will encompass Providers, EMS management and Education.

MEDICATIONS/DEVICES

Dr. William Gluckman

- One new device, Cobra PLA. Looks and functions similar to an LMA. More available sizes (pediatric and neonate) allows intubation through tube if needed in adults. More formal presentation at next meeting.

STANDING ORDERS

Dr.

- No report

LEGISLATION

(OPEN)

- Tom Starr hired by OEMS for legislation liaison and as EMS task force coordinator.

EMS COUNCIL

Dr. Jim Pruden

- Training fund language is too restrictive, EMS council looking to broaden ways to facilitate spending. Looking to spend more on recruitment and retention;
- EMS funding increased immediately before RNC. Now, the revenue sources have dried up. Looking for ways to increase funding for EMS. The next attempt will be to obtain funding for TopOff 3;
- EMSC, pediatricians not incorporated in preparedness. Future planning should encompass pediatricians;
- Should EMS perform decon? Who is responsible? Current conversations regarding the responsibility of HAZ-MAT teams and EMS crews are ongoing;
- NorthSTAR being moved from Newark to Somerset County Airport in Bedminster. This move is to better facilitate a northwest response.
- Assault weapon ban lapsing, no expected impact in New Jersey.
- Possible meeting with Governors Health Representative regarding MICU funding, assisted by Senator Vitale. Dr. Pruden is looking for financial data from each program for meeting.
- State first-aid council is moving forward with ID card with biometrics and electronic data collection.
 - Data collection includes- run summaries
 - Handheld or electronic data dump, mandatory for all NJFAC members.

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs

Mr. Martin Hogan

- Scott Kasper is the new President of NJAP. Steve Cicala VP, Lou Sasso Treasurer, Mike DeBlock, Secretary.
- Providers are concerned about limited, line of duty death benefits, NAEMT working on Federal language to be covered in the line of duty death.
- Fred Scalera, Assemblyman, Nutley Firefighter, is working on death in line of duty legislation meeting 12/20
- MICU pension plans for providers, work is ongoing in an attempt to better provide for retiring paramedics.
- Assisted in Dr. Nevins information finding for ByLaws.

MEDPREP Committee

Mr. Louis Sasso

- No Report

JEMSTAR PROGRAM

Dr. Joseph Hummel

- Call volume has increased. 4 ships in the fleet, 2 primary and 2 back-up.

OEMS

Ms. Karen Halupke

- Tom Starr is Task Force Coordinator, and Legislative liaison.
- Triage tags have been distributed to all OEM's, posters and educational materials will also be distributed. Training will be available on OEMS website.
- Diversion website will be on-line after first of the year. Communications centers to beta test site.
- EMSC May 1st & 2nd Ramada Inn Hightstown.
- Awards dinner Sunday May 1st Nominations due by March 4th
- Statewide conference Sept. 16-17-18, 2005 education, provider, and EMS management tract
- Regulations revisions. 8:40 and 8:40A will come out first. Chapter on BLS advanced protocols (Advanced airways, epi-pen, mark-1 will be added)
- Barbara Hall, has been hired to work with Trauma and air medical program.
 - AED distribution program is Barbara's initial task.

Education

Mr. Robert Dinetz

- Forward any comments for national scope of practice to either Bob Dinetz or Rob Clawson by end of December.
- Recertification's/Reciprocity work being completed.
- PHTLS is not mandatory at this time.

Other Business

- Dr. Rosenberg, new medical director from Mountainside.
- National Association of Emergency Physicians- Mark Grossman spoke about the NAEMSP meeting. RSI policy, they are looking for "drug-assisted" intubation that does not include paralytics.

Bylaws Subcommittee – Dr. Nevins

- Article III membership. Article III reads as follows:

The members of the MICU Advisory Council shall consist of the medical director, MICU project director and the EMS educator of each of the MICU projects (MICU projects shall be defined as one which has a unique Medical Director); and the Director of the New Jersey Department of Senior Services – Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) (non-voting) and their appointed designees.

- Should we make a change? Straw poll
Leave it the way it is- **25** Change the process- 4
- Should there be more representation by non-voting physicians. Discussion followed about allowing more representation from physicians working with MICU's in the physician pre-meeting. The group seems to believe that having more voices in the physician meeting will allow for improved discussion. Members may vote in pre-meeting (straw poll) but only one medical director vote will be allowed in Advisory Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

March 14, 2005
New Jersey Hospital Association
Princeton, New Jersey

2005 Dates

March 14, 2005
June 13, 2005
September 12, 2005
December 12, 2005

Motions

No motions