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**The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)**  
**MINUTES of September 8, 2025**

Meeting Attendance							
MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PROGRAM	MEDICAL DIRECTOR		DIRECTOR		EMS EDUCATOR		
Atlantic Ambulance	Dr. Albert Ritter	P			David Peterson	P	
AtlantiCare Regional MC	Dr. Brett Greenfield	P	Stephen Napoli	A	Mark Jeffries	A	
Capital Health	Dr. Andrea Marques-Batista	P	Alexander Lewinsky	P	Keith Elmer	P	
CentraState Healthcare System	Dr. Albert Ritter	P			David Peterson	P	
Cooper EMS	Dr. Gerard Carroll - Chair	P	Rick Rohrbach	A	Ronald Murphy	P	
Englewood Health	Dr. Barbara Schreiberman - Vice Chair	P	Richard Sposa	P	Michael Geisler	A	
Hackensack Meridian HUMC	Dr. Shaun Patterson	P	Michelle Kobayashi	P	Alex Rosario	P	
Holy Name EMS	Dr. Tae Keun Park	A	James Fox	A	Kevin Pohlman	P	
Hunterdon Medical Center MICU	Dr. Michael Prendergast	P	Keith Shipley	P			
Inspira Health	Dr. Amy Ondeyka	P	Harry Shelton	A	Geoffrey Roberts	P	
Jersey City MC/RWJBarnabas	Dr. Cheng Wang	P	Joshua Otero	P	Steven Cohen	P	
Hackensack Meridian JFK UMC	Dr. Howard Felderman	P	Mark Bober	P	Richard Schlosser	P	
RWJBarnabas Health	Dr. Joshua Bucher	A	Anthony Raffino	P	Neil Thorn	A	
Saint Claire's Health System	Dr. Stephanie Ortega	P	John Cronin	P	Debra Paglianite	P	
St. Joseph's Health	Dr. Kimberly Baldino	A	Dennis Castro	A	Kevin Webb	P	
The Valley Hospital - MICU	Dr. Mark Dreier	A	Rebecca Basso	A	Matthew Bremy	P	
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Timothy Satty	P	Jason Brady	A	Nicole Ferrarella	A	
Virtua Health	Dr. Ronald Klebacher	P	Thomas Lavagna	A	Bruce Graham	P	
Alternates							
MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PROGRAM	NAME		POSITION				
AtlantiCare Medical Center	Dr. Michael Westrol		Associate Medical Director				P
Cooper EMS	Dr. Lisa Drago		Associate Medical Director				P
Cooper EMS	Dr. Alexander Kuc		Associate Medical Director				P
Hackensack Meridian HUMC	Dr. William Haussner		Associate Medical Director				A
Holy Name EMS	Dr. Christine DeFrano		Associate Medical Director				A
Holy Name EMS	Dr. Ryan McCloskey		Associate Medical Director				A
Inspira Health	Dr. Garrett Forosisky		Associate Medical Director				A
RWJBarnabas Health	Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai		Associate Medical Director				A

St. Joseph's Health	Robert Bertollo	EMS Educator	P
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Tung-Lin Yuan	Associate Medical Director	A
University Hospital EMS	Dr. Scott Pasichow	Associate Medical Director	A
The Valley Hospital	Ingrid Santucci	Director/EMS Educator	P

New Jersey Department of Health Present	
Michael Estwan	Logan Rafferty
Daniel Kazar	Christian Rios
Rachel Hammond	Dr. Novneet Sahu
Thomas Livechi	Timothy Seplaki
Fatima Manzoor	Dr. John Porter
Dr. Kirsten Posselt	
Public/Guest	
Name	AGENCY
Dr. Stephen Vetrano	EMSTF
David Stangreciak	University Hospital EMS
Armand Cayer	University Hospital EMS
Jessica Ludwig	St. Peter's University Hospital
Margaret Keavney	Keavney and Streger
Andrea Quinn	Rowan College at Burlington County
Matthew Streger	Keavney and Streger
Jeff McBride	Hackensack Meridian JFK UMC
Alex Sipe	University Hospital EMS
Cory Felock	Cooper EMS
Julia Kulesa	Union County Community College
Matthew Strickland	UCNJ
Kristopher S.	Hackensack Meridian HUMC
David F.	Atlantic Health
Ben Dafilou	PANJEMS
Dionne Huggins	Hackensack Meridian HUMC

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on September 8, 2025, at the NJOHSP with a call to order at 10:02 AM by Dr. Gerard Carroll

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is a formal meeting of Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, c-10:4.10 of the state of New Jersey entitled Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was sent to the Secretary of State who posted the notice in a public place. Notice was also provided electronically on the Department's website.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting.

*Motion to approve the March 2025 minutes (Dr. Wang) Seconded (Dr. Vetrano) Approved (Unanimous)*

Minutes from the June 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting.

*Motion to approve the June 2025 minutes (Dr. Wang) Seconded (Dr. Vetrano) Approved (Unanimous)*

## **Presentation**

- Ethics Presentation – Rachel Hammond

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **New Jersey EMS Advisory Council**

None

### **New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs (NJAPP) – Mr. Bober**

- Leading Edge 2025 is scheduled for September 10, 2025, at MetLife Stadium
- A prehospital blood administration work group has been established
- Next NJAPP meeting will take place in November during the National Conference on EMS

### **Basic Life Support (BLS) Sub-Committee – Dr. Satty**

- Discussed strategies to reduce the use of lights and sirens during EMS responses, emphasizing the importance of reeducation through EMT Refresher courses and CEVO training. The goal is to reinforce appropriate decision making and minimize unnecessary risks to both patients and clinicians
- Discussed the use of **Doppler devices by BLS providers to obtain blood pressure readings for patients with Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs)**
  - **No support currently**

### **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund – Mr. Cohen**

- Seeking two additional representatives for the EMT Training Fund committee, one must be a public physician and the other must be a member of the Medical Society of New

Jersey (MSNJ)

- Seeking one member from the MAC as an alternate

#### Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) – Dr. Drago

- Race, Poverty, and Neglect subcommittee has approved new educational content focused on child abuse and neglect in New Jersey
- Protocol discussions are schedule for next week, if you have any suggestions please reach out
- EMS-C continues to prepare for TEN-4 Day, promoting pediatric injury recognition and prevention

#### Education Committee – Mr. Cohen

- Atlantic Cape Community College has welcomed 17 new students into its Paramedic program
- Atlantic Cape Community College will be hosting an ALS refresher at the upcoming National Conference on EMS and are seeking sponsors for the class. Anyone interested, please contact Wallace Maines

#### NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- Met in June and reviewed an article focused on interfacility transports, specifically examining the benefits of ground transport versus air transport in various clinical scenarios
- Next committee meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday

#### New Jersey EMS Task Force (Task Force) – Dr. Vetrano

- Aided multiple facilities this summer that were forced to evacuate
- A survey has been distributed to task force members to gauge interest and availability for participation in a one-day full scale exercise
- Efforts continue to identify and secure a sustainable funding source

#### Trauma Council - Dr. Porter

- A new subcommittee on disaster preparedness has been formed

#### OEMS Report – Mr. Rafferty

- Introduced Michael Estwan and Thomas Livecchi to of the New Jersey Department of Health
- Updated protocols document has been published and distributed.
- The Department is drafting a waiver to authorize a single paramedic pronouncement under certain circumstances after the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) convened on September 13, 2025, with no objections
- The Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health (EEOH) announced that funds are available from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund to reimburse Hepatitis B inoculations for certain EMTs, firefighters, and police officers
  - Each municipality may receive up to \$5,000 in reimbursement costs. Applications for reimbursement must be received by EEOH no later than June 5, 2026
- During a 5-month period covering April to August, there were 27 pre-hospital whole blood administrations
  - 16 – University Hospital (13 Air, 3 Ground)
  - 7 – Hackensack Meridian Health (2 Air, 5 Ground)
  - 4 – Virtua (Ground)
  - Average time from arrival on scene to administration was 20 minutes
  - Average patient age was 52
  - No complications reported: 89% (11% not reporting)

Data – Mr. Seplaki

- 1.3 million records have been submitted in 2025, which is a 3.5% increase from 2024
- The average time of completion for ePCR's in 2025 is 1.74 days which is a decrease from 2024
- NEMSIS 3.5.1 will be released Fall of 2025
- Narcan Leave Behind bags remain available. Those interesting in obtaining bags, please contact Cassandra Angelo
- Introduced Jenny Gerace to of the New Jersey Department of Health
- National Conference on EMS registration is open with discounted rates available thru September 30, 2025

### Deputy Commissioner - Dr. Sahu

- If anyone is facing barriers with rolling out whole blood, please reach out to Dr. Sahu
- There has been an increase in RSI due to radio failure

### OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- Agencies are reminded to review internal policies and reinforce education regarding patient elopements from moving ambulances, emphasizing safety and prevention
- Agency renewals are open for those licenses expiring December 31, 2025
- For agencies constructing a new vehicle, it is recommended that they verify with the OEMS for graphic compliance with applicable regulations
- Agencies should re-evaluate lights and siren usage. A 2024 study by NEMSQA has been posted to the Department's website
- The 2025 EMT Refresher update is currently under final review
- Provided an update to the NREMT and New Jersey learning management and credentialing platforms
- Received a request to review hemostatic spray
  - Discussion ensued with no support for its utilization of hemostatic spray in the pre-hospital environment for EMS
- Paramedic Numbers, as of...
  - September 8, 2025 – 1,714
  - September 8, 2024 – 1,681
  - September 8, 2023 – 1,656

### New Business

- Nomination Committee chair appointed
  - Dr. Barbara Schreibman

### Old Business

- Protocols

- Discussed future revisions of protocols, to include traumatic arrest protocols and pediatric protocols
- Blood Products
  - Discussed the tracking of blood administration

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Schedule**

- *December 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP*

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Kuc). (Mr. Lavagna) Seconded. Approved (Unanimous)*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM