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The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council
MINUTES of June 18, 2025

Meeting Attendance				
Organization	Representative		Alternate	
Air Medical Advisory Committee	Dr. Alexander Kuc	A	Dr. Al Ritter	A
American College of Emergency Physicians	Dr. Kimberly Baldino	A	Dr. Navin Ariyaprakai	P
Career EMT	Alfred Lincs	P	Vacant	
Career Fire Chiefs Association	Nelson Wiest	A	Todd Bowen	A
Career Paramedic	Andy Lovell - Chair	P	Jennifer McCarthy	A
County EMS Coordinators	Michael Bascom	P	Vacant	
Emergency Nurses Association	Dominic Parone	P	Gregory Zanone	A
EMS Communications Committee	Vacant		Vacant	
EMS for Children Committee	Dr. Lisa Drago	A	Vacant	
EMT Training Fund Committee	Dr. Stephen Vetrano – Vice Char	P	Vacant	
Immediate Past Council Chair	Dr. Mark Merlin	A	James Pruden	A
Medical Transport Association (MTA)	Gregory Scott	P	Vacant	
MICU Advisory Council	Dr. Gerard Carroll	A	Dr. Barbara Schreibman	P
National Association of EMS Physicians	Dr. Joslyn Joseph	P	Dr. Timothy Satty	A
NJ Association of Paramedic Programs	Mark Bober	P	Richard Sposa	P
NJ Dept. of Highway Traffic Safety	Michael Rizol	A	Emelin Corado	P
NJ Hospital Association	Roger Sarao	P	Vacant	
NJ Poison Emergency Services	Diane Calello	A	Bruce Ruck	A
NJ Poison Emergency Services	Kari Phair	P	Apu Mullick	P
EMSCNJ-Central	Alison Wallin	P	Barbara Nelson	A
EMSCNJ-North	Susan DeWitt	P	Paula Weiler	P
EMSCNJ-President	Barbara Platt	P	Bryan Platt	A
EMSCNJ-South	Andrew Kohler	P	Vacant	
NJ State Police	Douglas Weidanz	A	William Mosley	A
NJSP Emergency Telecommunications	Cynthia Kirchner	A	Vacant	
Public Member	Ralph Burgos	A	Kathe Conlon	A
St. Barnabas Burn Center	Dr. John Porter	A	Vacant	
State Trauma Advisory Committee	Mordechai Twerski	A	Eli Rubin	A
Volunteer EMT	Vacant		Vacant	
Senate President's Appointee	Vacant		Vacant	
Assembly Speaker's Appointee	Vacant		Vacant	
Volunteer Fire - EMS	Vacant		Vacant	
New Jersey Department of Health Present				
Candace Gardner	Logan Rafferty		Dr. John Porter	
Daniel Kazar	Christian Rios			
Fatima Manzoor	Timothy Seplaki			
Dr. Kirsten Posselt	Nicholas Seran			
Public/Guest				
Name	Agency			
Susanne Dudek	Somerset ESTA			
Melissa Padulsky	Somerset ESTA			

The New Jersey EMS Advisory Council convened on June 18, 2025, at the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with a call to order at 10:00 AM by Mr. Andy Lovell

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of EMS 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 December 2024 meeting were distributed to the members of the New Jersey EMS Advisory Council via email prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve the December 2024 minutes (Mr. Links) Seconded (Dr. Vetrano) Approved (Unanimous)

Minutes from the March 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the New Jersey EMS Advisory Council via email prior to this meeting

Motion to approve the March 2025 minutes (Mr. Links) Seconded (Dr. Vetrano) Approved (Unanimous)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Update – Mr. Rios

- Legislative update was distributed to the members of this Council via email prior to this meeting

Air Medical

None

Basic Life Support (BLS) Sub-Committee

None

EMT Training Fund – Dr. Vetrano

- Interpretation of Public Law 2024, Chapter 68 continues
- Concerns for funding shortages were discussed

Communications

None

EMS for Children (EMSC)

None

State Trauma Medical Director – Dr. Porter

- Update provided on the State Trauma Plan, underlining that there is adequate EMS representation
- State Trauma Advisory Council Sub-Committee to be formed in an effort to create a State Disaster Plan
- A Trauma Gel study was performed at Cooper University Hospital which determined that there is no current evidence or support for utilization in the pre-hospital environment

Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC) – Dr. Schreibman

- Positive remarks and feedback regarding pre-hospital whole blood administration
- Received a presentation on ECMO in cardiac arrest patients and is evaluating the feasibility
- Version 3 of the protocols is currently under OEMS review
- EMS needs to be reminded on importance of a thorough BLS assessment, inclusive of a full set of vital signs.

SCTU Committee

None

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- Introduced Mr. Jeffrey Brown as the Acting Commissioner
- Introduced Dr. Novneet Shau, as Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services, who will also continue in the capacity of State EMS Medical Director
- The Department's Ethics Officer will be attending a future MAC meeting to review the roles of Special State Officers and Advisory Councils
- Members of EMS Advisory Council are considered Special State Officers
- The 2025 Ethics Training, Outside Questionnaire and signed MEMO, need to be completed by all EMS Advisory Council members

- An email containing all instructions and requirements was sent to all members of this council on May 2, 2025
- Reminder to follow regulatory requirements for agency reportable events
- OEMS is awaiting input from the Board of Medical Examiners regarding single paramedic pronouncements
- The Department has issued a Nerve Agent Antidote Auto-Injector waiver for BLS
- The Department has received positive feedback on the successful administration of blood products by MICUs authorized for this practice

New Jersey Task Force – Mr. Bascom

- Ongoing meetings with legislators continue in pursuit of a sustainable funding sources
- Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding has been approved for an additional cycle
- Preparations are actively underway for both the FIFA Club World Cup and the FIFA World Cup
- Working with Health Care Coalitions and County EMS Coordinators to refine disaster preparedness plans across regions
- Outreach efforts are being conducted to assess and advise healthcare facilities on their evacuation capabilities, ensuring readiness for potential emergencies
- Performing member training with an emphasis on mental health awareness and large-scale incident awareness.

Written Organizational Report

None

New Business

- Discussed making a recommendation to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, for the New Jersey EMS Task Force to have an appointed representative on this committee.
- *Motion made to make a recommendation to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, for the New Jersey EMS Task force to have an appointed representative on this committee by (Alfred Lincks) Seconded (Dr. Schreibman) Abstention (Dr. Vetrano). Motion approved*

Old Business

None

Public Comment

- Dr. Vetrano gave general reminder about federal grants open to EMS Agencies.

Meeting Schedule

- *September 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP*
- *December 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP*

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Vetrano) Seconded (Mr. Bober) Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM