Meeting called to order: December 9, 10:01 a.m. – Mark Merlin

Motion to approve March 11, 2020 meeting minutes:
- Motion: Andy Lovell Seconded: Barbara Platt
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

General Discussion – Mark Merlin
- Next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined

Roll Call – Daniel Kazar

Legislative Update – Eric Hicken
- Update was emailed to the Council

Air Medical - Gerard Carroll (Absent)
- No report

BLS Subcommittee - Andy Lovell
- Expanded Scope of Practice
  - Will be presenting at MAC
  - Awaiting direction from MAC and OEMS
- Vermont Protocols
  - Second recommendation moving forward to MAC and OEMS

Discussion and Questions
- Origin of Pending Legislation – Senate Bill 3189
  - Unknown

Training Fund – Steve Vetrano (Absent)
- No Report

Discussion and Questions
- Financial report has not yet been released

Communications - Joseph Burlew
- COVID-19 911 PSAP surveys
  - Restarted due to increase in COVID-19 cases
- BPC and EMD online classes continue
• Office of Emergency Telecommunication Services continues to update their 911 certifications
• Next Generation 911
• NENA Conference has been postponed to the Fall of 2021
• State radio system
  o Caused some radios to turn off
• 988 National Suicide Hotline number
  o In the planning stages

Discussion and Questions
• Future of the hospital divert dashboard
  o Actively working towards an answer and solution

EMS for Children – Eric Hicken
• Reorganizing EMSC
  o Relaunch planned for February 2021
• EMS Agency Surveys
  o Required for all EMS agencies in 2021, specific to pediatrics
• Emergency Department Pediatric Readiness Survey
  o Required for all Emergency Departments in 2021
• Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
  o Performance measure for the State partnership grant for the EMS for Children Program

Discussion and Questions
• None

Trauma Center Council - Vacant
• No Report

MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreibman
• BLS Scope of Practice
• Vermont Protocols
• Updating best practices for COVID
• Ultrasound Guided Intravenous Therapy
  o Will have a presentation

Discussion and Questions
• Topics of BLS Scope of Practice
  o Oral Pain Medications
  o 12-Lead Acquisition and Transmission without interpretation
  o Glucometers
  o Inhaled Beta-Agonists
• National EMS Scope of Practice
SCTU Committee - Vacant
- No Report

OEMS – Eric Hicken for Terry Clancy
- Mega-sites
  - Planning is underway between the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey State Police Incident Management Team
- Vaccines
  - Estimated to arrive in New Jersey in the middle of December, pending Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)
  - Newsletter released called “Vax Matters”
- Paramedics to Vaccinate
  - Still under review by the Attorney General’s Office
- Triage Policy
  - The policy has been removed from the website
  - Under legal review
- New Licensing System
  - Will be live on January 1, 2021
  - Training dates will be announced shortly
- OEMS Office
  - Moved to 55 North Willow Street Trenton, NJ 08611
  - PO Box remains the same
- OEMS Staffing
  - Jim Sweeney and Andrea Silver have resigned
  - Jeff Thomas will also be leaving OEMS
  - Clayton and IJ have been temporarily reassigned to vaccination efforts
- Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities
  - Changes to the testing process while entering a Long-Term Care Facility
    - Two-week pilot program
    - Guidance has been sent to all agencies
    - Agencies are not required to get tested for COVID every single time they enter a Long-Term Care Facility
  - PPE guidance has been issued
    - When entering a LTC a N95 or equivalent mask approved by CDC and NIOSH, eye protection, gloves and an insulation gown (only for known or suspected positive COVID patients) is required
- Licensing
  - Renewals for company names between A through L are due by December 31, 2020
    - Approximately 90 agencies have not renewed their license.
      - These agencies will automatically go into a temporary ten-day extension
      - If an agency does not renew by January 10, 2021, their license will be retired.
- Vehicle Inspections
New location to conduct vehicle inspections at the new OEMS building is pending

Discussion and Questions

- Plan for vaccinating non-hospital-based EMS services

EMS Education - Candace Gardner

- OEMS Staffing
  - Authorization received for three (3) Public Health Representative-2 positions
  - Forty-two applications have been received
  - Thank you to OEM Staff

- National Conference on EMS
  - Call for presenters has been posted www.nationalemsconference.com
  - Abstracts will be accepted until January 12, 2021
  - Location: Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey
  - Dates: November 11th-13th 2021 - Pre-Conference will be November 10, 2021

- Educators
  - Thank you to all EMS educators during these times

- Education Programs
  - Are required to abide by the Governor’s Executive orders as it pertains to decontamination procedures, social distancing, and proper utilization of PPE
  - EMS education is considered an Emergency Response Activity and does not apply to the newest executive order for social gathering sizes

- CEU Approval Process
  - 2019 Process
    - In 2019 the elective CEU process changed, allowing educators to submit classes and receive approval of those in an abbreviated time frame. This process allowed the educators to create a class and determine the CEU value without OEMS review. This process and the corresponding user agreement were approved and implemented under the previous administration, which has raised many concerns.
  - 2021/New Process
    - All submissions for classes to be conducted on or after January 1, 2021 shall be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the class start date.
    - Applications will require submission of all supporting class documentation such as objectives, outlines, examinations, curriculum, hand-outs, etc.
    - The user agreement is considered invalid and has been voided.
    - OEMS will continue to conduct the pre-scheduled training sessions for the njems.us system next week

Discussion and Questions

- Support for the OEMS Public Health Representative Positions

New Jersey EMS Task Force

- Reorganized as a Non-Profit Corporation
- Update on funding, overview, roles, and plans
• Corona virus relief fund grant received
• Acknowledgement of John Grembowiec’s retirement

Motion to approve all oral and written reports
• Motion: Andy Lovell Seconded: Barbara Platt
• Discussion: None
• Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Comment
• None

Elections
• Chairperson
  o Mark Merlin
• Executive Committee
  o Barbara Platt
  o Mike Bascom
  o Andy Lovell
• Secretary to cast a single ballot
• Motion: Andy Lovell Seconded: Barbara Platt

New Business
• None

Old Business
• Vaccinated for the Flu Campaign

Motion to adjourn: 10:54 a.m.
• Motion: Barbara Platt Seconded: Barbara Schreibman
• Discussion: None
• Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0