Meeting called to order: June 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – Stephen Vetrano

Roll Call – Daniel Kazar

Motion to approve March 10, 2021 meeting minutes:
  • Motion: Barbara Schreibman Seconded: Andy Lovell
  • Discussion: None
  • Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

General Discussion – Stephen Vetrano
  • Next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined
    o Holiday conflict, will determine a new date

Legislative Update – Zach Raab
  • Sent to Council

Air Medical - Gerard Carroll
  • No report

BLS Subcommittee - Andy Lovell
  • Recommendation made to OEMS and MAC for the addition of four items within the BLS Scope of practice
    o MAC agreed with two of the four items
  • Consideration and adoption of the “New Jersey Protocols”
  • Staffing levels for BLS ambulances from two EMTs to one EMT and one CPR certified individual/Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Discussion and Questions
  • Waiver for N.J.A.C. 8:40-6.3 extension
  • EMT staffing and S2851
  • Bridge program from EMR to EMT

Training Fund – Stephen Vetrano
  • Financial report
  • Projected revenue
• Increased reimbursement for EMT Refresher Courses
• Approved the EMS Council of New Jersey’s budget for their Educational Symposium

Communications - Joseph Burlew
• 2021 NENA Conference
  o November 15th, 16th, and 17th
• Emergency Triage, Treatment and Transport (ET3) Cards

EMS for Children – Eric Hicken
• Waiting on appointments
• Survey was completed
• Pediatric readiness assessment is in progress
  o Completed every 18-24 months

Discussion and Questions
• Recruitment and Retention

Trauma Center Council - Vacant
• No Report

MICU Advisory – Barbara Schreibman
• New Jersey Protocols
  o Sent out most updated version
  o Need to stop calling the newly drafted New Jersey Protocols the “Vermont Protocols”
  o Expected to be a living a document
  o Will be voted on at the next MAC meeting
• Approvals
  o BLS use of albuterol, as a standard of care
  o Glucometer use

Discussion and Questions
• Over the Counter Analgesics
• 12-Lead acquisition

SCTU Committee - Vacant
• No Report

OEMS – Terry Clancy
• New staff
  o Lisa Kahle
  o Michael Small
  o Eva Nelson
• Legislation signed, ending the public health emergency
  o All waivers remain in effect until further guidance is issued
• PPE Guidelines  
  o All EMS providers need to continue to wear masks while having contact with patients, EMS are considered healthcare providers

• The RACE Scale  
  o Education materials are being finalized

• Agencies not picking up patients from dialysis centers  
  o Calls to the OEMS afterhours line  
    ▪ Not as frequent, but still occurring  
  o OEMS cannot arrange for transports

• Licensing Platform  
  o All agencies should log in and update their information

• ePCR Compliance  
  o Ongoing issue with ePCRs not being completed within twenty-four hours  
  o Action is being taken against agencies who are non-compliant  
  o Non-compliant agencies are down from 66 to 7  
    ▪ Bradley Beach First Aid Squad – Monmouth County  
    ▪ Liberty Corner First Aid Squad – Somerset County  
    ▪ Long Hills First Aid Squad – Morris County  
    ▪ Norma Alliance Fire and Rescue – Salem County  
    ▪ Roxbury Fire Co. #1 First Aid Squad – Morris County  
    ▪ Roxbury Fire Co. #3 First Aid Squad – Morris County  
    ▪ Teaneck Ambulance Corps – Bergen County

• Violations being found  
  o Vehicles are not inspected  
  o Air conditioning not functioning  
  o Warning lights on the dash  
  o Unsecure vehicles

• Unusual Occurrences  
  o Can now be submitted through the licensing account  
    ▪ https://newjersey.imagetrendlicense.com/lms/public  
  o The link on the OEMS website will be deactivated in the near future

• EMSC Newsletter

• Trauma Informed Care  
  o Third online class to be held  
    ▪ June 24th and July 1st

• National Conference on EMS  
  o November 11th – 13th, in person  
  o Pre-conference on November 10th  
  o Schedule is being finalized  
  o Award nominations are still being accepted  
  o SIM competition

• Regulations  
  o Development continues  
  o Expanded scope of practice and incorporation of the New Jersey Protocols, which the NJ EMS Council and MAC have put forth, to be included

• OEMS Open Positions
Accepting applications

• Vaccination Effort
  • OEMS involvement

**Discussion and Questions**

• ePCR completion
• RACE Score
  • ePCR documentation
  • Transport guidelines
• Waivers
  • The waivers issued by OEMS will remain active until January 11, 2022 unless otherwise noted
• State of Emergency

**EMS Education** - Candace Gardner

• Elective Education Platform
  • Online vendor system has gone live
  • Next training session, June 23, 2021
  • Master list of canned courses has been published
• OEMS Emails
  • reciprocity@doh.nj.gov
  • electiveceus@doh.nj.gov
  • emtinitials@doh.nj.gov
  • audits@doh.nj.gov

**Discussion and Questions**

• Website utilization for OEMS emails

**New Jersey EMS Task Force** – Andy Lovell

• Partnership with DOH and vaccination efforts
• Visiting Nurse Association involvement
• New member orientation
• American Rescue Plan Funding

**Discussion and Questions**

• Federal Medical Station equipment

**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

**Public Comment**

• Paula Weiler – Ransomware concern
• Dominic Perone – Emergency Nurses Association Conference, March 16th-18th 2022
New Business
• None

Old Business
• None

Motion to adjourn: 11:07 a.m.
• Motion: Barbara Schreibman Seconded: Andy Lovell
• Discussion: None
• Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0