New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council  
September 14, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: September 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – Mark Merlin

Roll Call – Daniel Kazar

Legislative Update – Zachary Raab
• The legislative report was sent to council members last week

Air Medical - Gerard Carroll
• No Report

BLS Subcommittee - Andy Lovell
• Began discussing supraglottic airways for basic life support (BLS)
  ○ Consensus within the committee has not been reached yet
• Discussed the use of surgical masks vs. N95’s for providers and the protection that each mask offers
• Discussed the need for BLS staffing levels past January 1, 2022

Discussion and Questions
• The goals with the supraglottic airways for BLS have not been addressed yet, as it is a new discussion point

Training Fund – Stephen Vetrano
• No Report

Communications - Joseph Burlew
• Effective August 31, 2022 New Jersey will be switching to the P25 Radio System
• JEMS Radio Plan and State Interoperability Plan (SIP)
• The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Conference is November 15th - 17th
• Updates to Guide cards are coming
• Request for Application (RFA) for E-911 as been disseminated

Discussion and Questions
• Switching to new P25 system

EMS for Children – Eric Hicken
• Reorganization meeting upcoming
• Awarded an annual grant for training, conferences etc.
• Reintroducing EMS for Children newsletter
  o Will be electronic and awarded CEUs
• In the process of purchasing car seats that are collapsible, for utilization on trains, buses, etc.

**Trauma Center Council** - Vacant

**MICU Advisory** – Barbara Schreibman
• Progress continues with the New Jersey State Protocols
• Working on the statewide pharmacology list
• Recommended Glucometers, Albuterol and Nebulizers for EMTs
• Discussed changes to the optional medication list
• Approved a pilot project for paramedics to be trained in ultrasound

**Discussion and Questions**
• Discussed the COVID precautions during the upcoming National Conference on EMS, which includes the wearing of masks

**SCTU Committee** - Vacant
• No Report

**OEMS** – Candace Gardner
• RACE resources and documentation have been posted to the OEMS website
• All licensed agencies should be uploading their trauma triage policies to the State licensing platform
• 2021 National Conference on EMS scheduled for November 11th – 13th
  o Pre-conference on November 10th
• Ensure that EMS staff are utilizing appropriate PPE
• Unusual Occurrence reports have been moved from State website to the State licensing platform
  o Educational unusual occurrences will still be located on the State website
• The Jersey City site for ambulance inspections has been reopened
• Introduction of new education OEMS staff members

**Discussion and Questions**
• COVID precautions and guidelines during the conference
• Uploading of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to the new State licensing platform

**EMS Education** - Candace Gardner
• Fourteen (14) online vendors to date
• Four-Hundred and Eleven (411) continuing education providers, not inclusive of EMT initial and refresher programs have been trained and provided access
Since March 2021, approved over one thousand (1000) continuing education classes and seven hundred and eighty (780) refresher classes

Next training session for continuing education providers will be conducted on October 1, 2021

Thirty-one active EMT-Instructor candidates

Upcoming EMT-Instructor screenings scheduled for September 19th, October 9th and October 23rd

New paramedic program coordinator for Atlantic Cape Community College

National Registry Paramedic examination redesign

New Jersey EMS Task Force – Michael Bascom

Continue with vaccination efforts with the Department of Health, throughout the State

Funding and grants

Upcoming high-profile events

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

Motion to approve June 9, 2021 meeting minutes:

- Motion: Andy Lovell Seconded: Barbara Schreibman
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Comment

- None

New Business

- Pronouncements by BLS during large scale incidents and/or natural disasters
  - Termination of resuscitative efforts vs. pronouncement
  - The Department clarified that there is no waiver authorizing BLS providers to pronounce a patient
- Nomination Committee for Vice-Chairman
  - Andy Lovell appointed to nominating committee
  - Nominee names will be sent out at least four (4) weeks prior to the December meeting

Old Business

- None

Motion to adjourn: 10:44 a.m.

- Motion: Barbara Schreibman Seconded: Andy Lovell
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: Yea: All Nay: 0 Abstain: 0