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The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services  
MINUTES of September 4, 2024

**Members Present:** Mr. Adam Beder, Mr. Steve Cohen, Mr. Daniel Kazar (Alt), Mr. Andrew Koehler, Ms. Linda Rivera (Alt), Mr. Roger Sarao, Mr. Frank Setnicky, Ms. Paula Weiler (Alt),

**Members Absent:** Dr. William Felegi, Ms. Candace Gardner, Ms. Rowena Madden, Mr. Daniel Misa, Ms. Barbara Platt, Mr. Gregory Scott (Alt), Dr. Stephen Vetrano

**Guests/Attendees:** Mr. Arun Bantval, Mr. Bryan Fischberg, Mr. Anmol Karnad

**Dept. of Health:** Ms. Judy Faulkner, Mr. Logan Rafferty, Mr. Christian Rios, Dr. Novneet Sahu, Mr. Nicholas Seran

The EMT Training Fund Advisory Council convened on September 4, 2024, at the New Jersey Department of Health, with a call to order at 10:04 AM by Mr. Beder

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is a formal meeting of The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services. 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 June 2024 meeting were distributed to the members of the committee via email prior to this meeting and paper copies were distributed at the beginning of the meeting for reference

*Motion to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes (Mr. Cohen) Seconded (Mr. Koehler)  
Approved (Unanimous)*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the EMS Council of New Jersey's (EMSCNJ) EMS Monument, honoring EMS workers who lost their lives on 9/11 will take place on September 14, 2024

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance as of August 30, 2024: \$5,357,009.00

- Mr. Cohen
  - Questioned the pre-encumbered funds
  - Requested a member from the Department of Health's finance department attend future Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services meetings

*Motion to approve the financial report (Mr. Sarao). Seconded (Mr. Cohen). Approved (Unanimous)*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Weiler
  - The Gold Cross has ceased publishing printed copies of their magazine and is now moved to an online format.
  - Discussion ensued

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **OEMS Report – Mr. Kazar**

#### **OEMS/DOH**

- The division name has been officially changed from the Division of Public Health Infrastructure Laboratories and Emergency Preparedness (PHILEP) to DPREMS – the Division of Disaster Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Medical Services. Laboratory and Local Public Health will be their own divisions
- The division is also restructuring to enhance the goals and better align resources with division's mission. As part of this process, six members of the OEMS team are transitioning to new roles where they can focus more on their expertise and responsibilities
  - Tim, Rita, and our newest addition, Cassandra Angelo, have joined forces with other division personnel to form the new Office of Data Analytics, Resources, & Infrastructure Quality Assurance
  - Eric, Fatima, and Colin have teamed up with the Office of Disaster Resilience to strengthen our collaboration with hospital coalitions, emergency preparedness initiatives, and grants related to emergency services for children

- Issues with the OEMS phone system remain. If you are unable to contact the OEMS via phone, please send an email to [ems@doh.nj.gov](mailto:ems@doh.nj.gov)

### Weather

- With the cold weather upon us, please be reminded that every effort should be made to ensure that our patients are kept warm.

### EMT Student Minimal Competencies

- National push for development of student minimal competencies at the EMT level. The Department encourages initial programs to develop minimal competencies.

### New ALS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
46	44	26	12	9	137

### New ALS Credentials – January 1, 2024 – August 30, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
38	44	22	4	4	112

### New BLS Credentials – 2023 Final Numbers

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
98	1,780	33	44	1,955

### New BLS Credentials – January 1, 2024 - August 30, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
88	1,378	24	82	938

## DISCUSSION

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bryan Fischberg
  - Concerns with the EMT Training Fund Committee vetting authors who publish materials for the Gold Cross
  - Discussed minimum competencies as it pertains to education at the BLS level
- Arun Bantval & Anmol Karnad on behalf of the Plainsboro Rescue Squad

- Requested reinstatement for utilization of the training fund

**Meeting Schedule:**

- *December 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM location TBD*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Setnicky) Seconded (Ms. Weiler). Approved (Unanimous).*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM by Mr. Cohen