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The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)
MINUTES of December 2, 2024

Medical Directors Present:

Dr. Kimberly Baldino (St. Joseph's Health), Dr. Joshua Bucher (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Dr. Gerard Carroll (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Mark Dreier (Valley Health System), Dr. Brett Greenfield (AtlantiCare), Dr. Ronald Klebacher (Virtua Health), Dr. Amy Ondeyka (Inspira Health), Dr. Stephanie Ortega (Saint Clare's Health), Dr. Shaun Patterson (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Dr. Michael Prendergast (Hunterdon Health), Dr. Albert Ritter (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Dr. Timothy Satty (University Hospital), Dr. Barbara Schreibman (Englewood Health), Dr. Cheng Wang (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Present:

Mr. John Cronin (Saint Clare's Health), Ms. Michelle Kobayashi (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Thomas Lavagna (Virtua Health), Mr. Alex Lewinsky (Capital Health), Mr. Anthony Raffino (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Rick Rohrbach (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Ms. Ingrid Santucci (Valley Health System), Mr. Keith Shipley (Hunterdon Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Present:

Mr. Matthew Bremy (Valley Health System), Mr. Steven Cohen (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Keith Elmer (Capital Health), Ms. Nicole Ferrarella (University Hospital), Mr. Michael Geisler (Englewood Health), Mr. Bruce Graham (Virtua Health), Mr. Mark Jeffries (AtlantiCare), Mr. Ronald Murphy (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Deborah Paglianite (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. David Petersen (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Kevin Pohlman (Holy Name), Mr. Geoffrey Roberts (Inspira Health), Mr. Richard Schlosser (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. David Stangreciak (University Hospital), Mr. Neil Thorn (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Kevin Webb (St. Joseph's Health)

Medical Directors Absent:

Dr. Howard Felderman (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. Timothy Lancaster (Holy Name), Dr. Andreia Marques-Baptista (Capital Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Absent:

Mr. Mark Bober (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. Dennis Castro (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. James Fox (Holy Name), Mr. Stephen Napoli (AtlantiCare), Mr. Joshua Otero (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Harry Shelton (Inspira Health), Mr. Richard Sposa (Englewood Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Absent:

Mr. Robert Bertollo (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Alex Rosario (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC)

New Jersey Department of Health:

Ms. Cassandra Angelo, Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Eric Hicken, Mr. Dan Kazar, Ms. Rita Masiello, Ms. Kirsten Posselt, Mr. Logan Rafferty, Mr. Christian Rios, Mr. Timothy Seplaki, Mr. Nicholas Seran

Guests/Public Attendees:

Dr. Paul Comber (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Ben Dafilou (PANJEMS), Dr. William Haussner (Hackensack Meridian Heath – HUMC), Ms. Julia Kulesa (Union County College), Mr. Wallace Maines (Atlantic Capre Community College), Dr. Scott Pasichow, (University Hospital), Dr. John Porter (Trauma Center Council), Mr. Justin Rodriguez (Inspira Health), Mr. Evan Schwarz (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Matthew Streger (Keavney & Streger, LLC), Mr. Matt Strickland (Union County College), Dr. Tung-Lin Yuan (University Hospital)

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on December 2, 2024, at the NJOHSP with a call to order at 10:01 AM by Dr. Gerard Carroll

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of Mobile Intensive Care 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 September 2024 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council – Mr. Lovell

- Updated to the EMD guide cards are ongoing

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs (NJAPP)

None

Basic Life Support (BLS) Sub-Committee – Dr. Satty

- Discussed Intranasal Epinephrine. Completed literature review which indicated that only pharmacological data has been published

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund

None

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

None

Education Committee – Mr. Cohen

- Leading Edge conference planning is in progress. Call for speakers will be opening soon

NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- Met with representatives from NJ OEMS to discuss the new air medical dispatch protocol.

New Jersey EMS Task Force (Task Force) - Mr. Lovell

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- Proposal has been submitted to the governor's office to replace assets.
- Conducted a full-scale exercise at Stockton University
- Physician response model has been updated. Any resident, fellows, or physician interested in participating, please contact Mr. Lovell

Trauma Council - Dr. Porter

- Final draft of the state plan is anticipated to be approved during next week's committee meeting, then it will be presented to the commissioner of health for approval

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- Welcomed Gabrielle Moitinho to OEMS, as a Public Health Representative

Agency Licensure

- The license decals for vehicles will no longer include the year

Conference, Awards Ceremony, SIM

- Thanked everyone for a very successful National Conference on EMS, with over 1000 attendees, which was the largest conference to date
- The Gary Letizia Memorial Blood Drive collected 46 pints of blood
- Call for speakers for the 2025 Conference is anticipated to open mid to late January
- Anyone with feedback for this year's conference please contact Mr. Tim Seplaki

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- The Department is not issuing extensions for the December 31, 2024, certification cycle
- Inactive Paramedic requests will be completed by December 31, 2024
- EMT-Refresher Program update has been completed and is under review by the

Department

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 – December 2, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial Paramedic	MICN	Inactive – Active	MICN Reciprocity	Total
55	60	30	9	5	159

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 – December 2, 2024

Reciprocity	Initial	Challenge	Re-Entry	Total
118	1,788	32	114	2,052

Discussion

None

New Business

- Motion for ALS units to carry IV Tylenol (Dr. Schreiber). Seconded (Dr. Satty). Approved (Unanimous)
- Motion to add local IV antibiotics for open fractures to the optional ALS formulary (Dr. Greenfield). Seconded (Dr. Schreiber). Approved (Unanimous)
- Motion to recommend Keppra be added to the optional formulary for Status epilepticus (Dr. Satty). Seconded (Dr. Schreiber). Approved (Unanimous)

Old Business

- a. Protocols
 - Open discussion on protocol updates and revisions
- b. Blood Products
 - Draft protocols were discussed, and a formal vote will take place in the future

Nomination Committee - Dr. Wang

- Nominations are uncontested
 - Seconded: Dr. Satty
 - A single ballot was cast by the Secretary
 - MICU Advisory Council Officers are:
 - Chairperson: Dr. Carroll
 - Vice Chairperson: Dr. Schreibman
 - MICU Program Director: Mr. Thomas Lavagna
 - EMS Educator: Mr. Steven Cohen

Public Comment

- Mr. Lovell
 - Recognized Dr. Stiefel for winning lifetime achievement award at the National Conference on EMS

Meeting Schedule

- March 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- June 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- September 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP
- December 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM location, NJ OHSP

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Greenfield). Seconded (Dr. Satty). Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM