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The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council (MAC)  
MINUTES of March 13, 2023

**Medical Directors Present:**

Dr. Kimberly Baldino (St. Joseph's Health), Dr. Gerard Carroll (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Mark Dreier (Valley Health System), Dr. Howard Felderman (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. Brett Greenfield (AtlantiCare), Dr. Ronald Klebacher (Virtua Health), Dr. Andreia Marques-Baptista (Capital 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 Schreiber (Englewood Health), Dr. Jay Stiefel (Inspira Health), Dr. Cheng Wang (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City).

**Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Present:**

Mr. Mark Bober (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. John Cronin (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. James Fox (Holy Name), Mr. Thomas Lavagna (Virtua Health), Mr. Alex Lewinsky (Capital Health), Mr. Stephen Napoli (AtlantiCare), Mr. Anthony Raffino (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. Rick Rohrbach (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. John Sharo (Valley Health System), Mr. Richard Sposa (Englewood Health), Mr. Christopher Ryan (Hunterdon Health)

**Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Present:**

Mr. Steven Cohen (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Keith Elmer (Capital 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. Kevin Pohlman (Holy Name), Mr. Richard Schlosser (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. Neil Thorn (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Mr. James Warin (Valley Health System)

**Medical Directors Absent:**

Dr. Joshua Bucher (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network), Dr. Timothy Lancaster (Holy Name)

**Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Absent:**

Mr. James Brady (University Hospital), Mr. Kenneth Bullwinkle (Inspira Health), Mr. Dennis Castro (St. Joseph's Health), Ms. Michelle Kobayashi (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Joshua Otero (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System)

**Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Absent:**

Mr. Michael Geisler (Englewood Health), Mr. Thomas Hoffman (Hunterdon Health), Ms. Patricia Lutz (Inspira Health), Mr. David Peterson (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Alex Rosario (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. David Stangreciak (University Hospital), Mr. Kevin Webb (St. Joseph's Health)

***New Jersey Department of Health:***

Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Eric Hicken, Mr. Logan Rafferty, Mr. Timothy Seplaki, Mr. Colin Taylor

***Guests/Public Attendees:***

Mr. Ben Dafilou (PANJEMS), Dr. Alexander Kuc (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Julia Kulesa (Union County College), Dr. Ernest Leva (EMS for Children), Mr. Scot Phelps, Mr. Matt Strickland, Dr. Stephen Vetrano (NJ EMT Training Fund)

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on March 13, 2023, at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy with a call to order at 10:00 am by Dr. Gerard Carroll

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

“This is a formal meeting of the 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 New Jersey entitled, “Open Public Meetings Act”. Notices were sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were forwarded to 12 New Jersey newspapers, two New York newspapers, two wire services, and two Philadelphia newspapers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the December 2022 meeting were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting

*Motion to approve the December 2022 (Dr. Ritter) minutes Seconded (Dr. Felderman) Approved (Unanimous)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council

No Report

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs (NJAPP) – Mr. Bober

- Extended gratitude to the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), for conducting listening sessions regarding new regulations
- Leading Edge will be May 19, 2023, at Bell Works in Holmdel, NJ
- The education council has been creating quizzes/examinations for the new Interim Protocols

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

No Report

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund – Mr. Cohen

- The EMS Council of New Jersey presented a proposal for their 2023 symposium
- Attempting to determine the financial status of the Training Fund
- For agencies that teach the EMT Refresher Program, OEMS sent out a survey to all agencies to determine the need for a potential increase in the EMT Refresher reimbursement. However, few were returned

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children – Dr. Leva

- Discussed the documents that were sent to the MAC, which were the Guidelines for the care of children in pediatric emergency departments and Janet’s Law

Education Committee – Mr. Cohen

No Report

NJ Air Medical Program – Dr. Kuc

- Discussed Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) retrieval protocols
- Discussed stroke protocols, specifically Large Vessel Occlusions (LVO) and transport decisions
- 2022 response data has been received

Region	Mission Requests	Completed Missions	Interfacility Missions
North	573	384	460
South	984	649	1485

- Further discussion ensued regarding best practices for aeromedical interfacility transports

NJ EMS Task Force

No Report

OEMS – Ms. Gardner

- Welcomed Colin Taylor, to the Office of Emergency Medical Services, EMS for Children program as a Public Health Representative
- To assist with the promulgation of regulations, multiple stakeholder meetings were conducted across the state over the past few months
- Transition from NEMSIS to 3.4 to 3.5 is in progress
  - The deadline for transition is March 31, 2023

- Agencies should work directly with their electronic patient care report (ePCR) vendor to complete the transition
- The National Conference on EMS call for speakers and awards nominations is open, go to the website ([www.nationalemsconference.com](http://www.nationalemsconference.com)) to submit a proposal
  - Please be on the lookout for children under age 16 who have done something heroic or lifesaving so they can be recognized at the conference
- The online pediatric-focused education offered by the EMS for Children program has reached approximately 700 providers
- Pediatric readiness survey for EMS agencies is 100% compliant
- EMSC is working on PPE policies. If your agency has not yet submitted your PPE policy, please do so as soon as possible.
- EMS is also working to improve mental health awareness and cannabis safe storage for pediatric and overdose prevention
- NREMT Examination fee increased on January 1, 2023
- Ethics training and outside activity documentation are due
- OEMS will be asking for an updated CV/resume and letter of support from your respective organization to ensure that the committee appointments are current. A reminder will be forthcoming
- OEMS is reestablishing the safety committee and working on a public-facing complaint process
- The regulations for public access Epi-Pen education are going to live within OEMS

OEMS Education - Mr. Daniel Kazar

- There are no provider certification/license expiration extensions
- Certification/License Update, since January 1, 2023:

New EMTs	Re-Entry EMTs	EMT Challenges	New Paramedics
352	25	13	30

- Provided updates on the EMT-Instructor candidate evaluations
- EMT Refresher program is being evaluated for increased reimbursement through the EMT Training Fund
- OEMS will no longer accept attestations from education agencies/providers who do not adhere to regulatory time frames for roster/attendance

- OEMS does not receive notification that a MICN credential is approved by a sponsoring agency until the clinical coordinator notifies OEMS
- The following elective classes have been re-evaluated for continuing education credit:
  - CPR and ICS 400 = No CEUs
  - ICS 200 and 300 = 8 CEUs
  - Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) is still being re-evaluated
- Three new NREMT policies are being implemented on April 1, 2023
  - The policies were distributed to the committee via email
- Agencies starting with the letter “M” are due for renewal by June 30, 2023
  - If an agency has five or more vehicles, OEMS will conduct the vehicle inspections on-site
- Reportable events: If you believe something needs to be reported to OEMS, report it (see something, say something). OEMS will determine if further action is required

### **New Business**

#### Legislative Update – Dr. Baldino

- Provided update on pending EMS legislation
- Ms. Gardner reminded the committee, that as an advisory board/committee/council to the Department, the board/committee/council cannot actively support or oppose any legislation. If the board/committee/council wants to make a recommendation to the Department or the Commissioner it may do so by formally memorializing their position, voting on the document, and submitting it to the OEMS. However, there is nothing that prohibits an individual or agency from actively supporting or opposing legislation

#### By-Laws – Dr. Schreiber

*Motion to approve by-law update (Dr. Wang). Seconded (Dr. Satty). Approved (Unanimous)*

#### Stakeholder Meeting – Dr. Carroll

- Discussed experience at the recent stakeholder meetings

#### NJ Protocols – Dr. Carroll

- Discussed updating the protocols every two years
- Discussed the education requirements for the implementation of the protocols

- Discussed the recent updates to the protocols that were sent via email to the committee

**Old Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Schedule:**

- June 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM @ Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center
- September 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM location TBA
- December 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM location TBA

The Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center is located at  
83 Academy Dr  
Westampton, NJ 08060

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Wang). Seconded (Dr. Stiefel). Approved (Unanimous)*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM