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The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services
MINUTES OF June 7, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Adam Beder, Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Candace Gardner, Ms. Rowena Madden, Mr. Daniel Misa, Ms. Paula Weiler,

Members Absent: Sgt. Licinio Carvalho, Dr. William Felegi, Mr. Roger Sarao, Mr. Frank Setnicky,

Guests/Attendees: Mr. Bryan Fischberg, Mr. Joao Mateus, Mr. Tarcisio Nunes, Ms. Barbara Vaning

Dept. of Health: Mr. Daniel Kazar, Ms. Victoria Holmes, Ms. Kirsten Posselt

The EMT Training Fund Advisory Council convened on June 1, 2022, at Mercer County Fire Academy "Capt. John T. Dempster Sr." Fire Training Center in Classroom A, with a call to order at 10:18 am by Mr. Adam Beder. Mr. Beder was elected by a majority vote of the members present to act as Chairperson of the Committee for the purposes of this meeting and in accordance with the bylaws applicable to this committee.

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 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, two Philadelphia newspapers and WNET (non-commercial educational public television)."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There are no minutes from the March 2, 2022, meeting which was canceled due to a lack of quorum. Minutes from the December 1, 2021, meeting were distributed to the members of this committee, via email, prior to this meeting and were voted on for approval. Ms. Madden made the motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Weiler seconded the motion, and the motion was put to a vote.

Motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. Approved. (Unanimous)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Joao Mateus is requesting time to present a hybrid refresher reimbursement model. This proposal must be placed on the agenda, under new business, during another meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The SFY22 balance as of May 23, 2022, is \$5,674,089.

Discussion regarding the fiscal year of the financial report, available funding, cost containment measures, increased expenses, and deficit despite a positive balance.

Motion to accept the financial report. Seconded. Approved. (Unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment and Retention Ad Hoc Committee:

- The committee has not met recently.
- Discussion ensued regarding national shortages and recruitment strategies
- Ms. Gardner advised the committee that a new staff member is starting in July, whose purpose is outreach, education, and policy development for items such as PPE safety.

2022 First Aid Council EMS Symposium:

- Paula Weiler advised that she is unable to give a full report and requests this item be moved to the next meeting's agenda

Bylaw Review:

- Mr. Beder called for a review of the bylaws
 - As per Ms. Gardner, they are similar with some confidentiality and ethics changes.
- Discussion ensued and the committee agreed the changes would be voted on during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Nomination

- Ms. Gardner reminded the group that a vote for vice-chair needs to occur
- Mr. Beder, acting Chairperson, advised that he has not been formally appointed to the committee, and has a conflict of interest with his full-time job presently at Hackensack Meridian.
- Mr. Misa volunteered for consideration.
- Mr. Beder requested a motion to vote.

- Discussion ensued regarding proper notifications and correspondences to the committee regarding Mr. Misa's consideration for vice-chair
- The committee agreed to waiting and is holding Mr. Misa's nomination for next meeting.

OEMS Report

- Dr. Terry Clancy is no longer with the Department.
- Ms. Gardner shared that she is currently Acting Director, Mr. Daniel Kazar has been officially promoted to Chief of Education, Licensure, and Enforcement, Mr. Logan Rafferty is a new Nursing Consultant overseeing Air Medical Services, and Ms. Kirsten Posselt is a new Nursing Consultant responsible for Clinical Guidance.
- Recognize your colleagues by nominating them to receive an award at the National Conference on EMS in November.
- SIM games registration and vendor registration are open.
- ePCR vendors are working on the transition to NEMSIS 3.5. Ms. Eva Nelson will be reaching out to the vendors and agencies to ensure a clean rollover and mapping.
 - Please ensure agency clinical and demographic files are updated
- The only noncompliant agency with ePCR is Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
 - Ms. Weiler said she would speak with them again.
- Naloxone 'leave behind program' is in progress
 - Opioid resource kits are being created and can be obtained from Mr. Tim Seplaki.
- EMS for Children
 - The Department is in the process of developing pediatric continuing education for CEU credit.

Report by Mr. Kazar

- There are no certification extensions for the June 30th or December 31st, 2022, renewal cycles.
- Waivers on the Department's website remain active.
- EMT Instructor process:
 - The next screening is scheduled to be conducted on June 15, 2022.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the EMT Instructor process
- Ms. Weiler commented that it is difficult to find refresher classes and there are not enough available.
- Discussion ensued regarding new OEMS staff and the need to recognize the EMS community for awards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments by Mr. Bryan Fischberg:
 - Deficit sounds like a fiscal mismatch.

- Providers who complain they “only have a month to go” with a rush at the end of their certification cycle to find refreshers and CEUs is the wrong approach.
- Committee should use EMTTF dollars to be proactive.
- There are other avenues of sharing information that can help the fundamental problem.
- Discussed canned CEU education course lists and CEU values.
- Discussion ensued regarding working with community colleges for recruitment and continuing education.
- Comments by Ms. Weiler
 - The Department’s website needs to be updated to reflect how to sign up for NREMT, CEUs, and how to earn credit.

Meeting Schedule:

- **Where:** Mercer Country Fire Academy @ Capt. John T. Dempster Sr. Fire Training Center; 350 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrenceville NJ 08648, Classroom A.
- **When:**
 - September 7, 2022 @ 10:00am
 - December 7, 2022 @ 10:00am
 - March 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am (location TBD)
 - June 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am (location TBD)
 - September 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am (location TBD)
 - December 6, 2023 @10:00am (location TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

*Ms. Madden left at 11:10 am, therefore there is no longer a quorum present *Research of Robert’s Rules of Order procured states that meetings without a quorum cannot continue within the confines of discussing or voting on committee business at hand. Any matters of business discussed or voted on is considered null and void.*