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

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. Howard Felderman (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. Brett Greenfield (AtlantiCare), 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. 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), Ms. Michelle Kobayashi (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Thomas Lavagna (Virtua Health), Mr. Alex Lewinsky (Capital Health), Mr. Stephen Napoli (AtlantiCare), Mr. Rick Rohrbach (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Ingrid Santucci (Valley Health System)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Present:

Mr. Steven Cohen (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Keith Elmer (Capital Health), Mr. Mark Jeffries (AtlantiCare), Ms. Patricia Lutz (Inspira Health), Mr. Ronald Murphy (Cooper University Health Care), Ms. Deborah Paglianite (Saint Clare's Health), Mr. Richard Schlosser (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Mr. David Stangreciak (University Hospital), Mr. Neil Thorn (Robert Wood Johnson Health Network)

Medical Directors Absent:

Dr. Mark Dreier (Valley Health System), Dr. Ronald Klebacher (Virtua Health), Dr. Timothy Lancaster (Holy Name), Dr. Andreia Marques-Baptista (Capital Health), Dr. Stephanie Ortega (Saint Clare's Health), Dr. Shaun Patterson (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit Directors Absent:

Mr. James Brady (University Hospital), Mr. Kenneth Bullwinkle (Inspira Health), Mr. Dennis Castro (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Joshua Otero (Robert Wood Johnson – Jersey City), Mr. Christopher Ryan (Hunterdon Health), Mr. Art Samaras (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Richard Sposa (Englewood Health)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit EMS Educators Absent:

Mr. Robert Bertollo (St. Joseph's Health), Mr. Michael Geisler (Englewood Health), Mr. Bruce Graham (Virtua Health), Mr. Thomas Hoffman (Hunterdon Health), Mr. David Petersen (Atlantic Health System & CentraState Healthcare System), Mr. Kevin Pohlman (Holy Name), Mr. Alex Rosario (Hackensack Meridian Health – HUMC), Mr. Kevin Webb (St. Joseph's Health)

New Jersey Department of Health:

Ms. Candace Gardner, Ms. Dana Johnson, Mr. Dan Kazar

Guests/Public Attendees:

Dr. Paul Comber (Cooper University Health Care), Dr. Stephanie Costa (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Corry Van Esland (PANJEMS), Mr. David Huebner (Virtua Health), Mr. Andrew Koehler (NJSP), Dr. Alexander Kuc (Cooper University Health Care), Mr. Wallace Maines (Atlantic Cape Community College), Mr. Jeff McBride (Hackensack Meridian Health – JFK), Dr. John Porter (Trauma Center Council), Mr. Matthew Streger (Keavney & Streger, LLC)

The Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council convened on September 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, c10:4.10 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 June 2023 meeting were distributed to the members of the MAC via email prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve the June 2023 minutes (Dr. Schreibman) Seconded (Dr. Satty) Approved (Unanimous)

Dr. Carroll welcomed Dr. John Porter as the State Trauma Medical Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OEMS Report – Ms. Gardner

- National Conference on EMS is approaching. Early bird rate of \$350 ends on September 30, 2023
- Notifications to the award nominees were sent last week. The list of nominees has been posted to the conference website
- There are 11 ALS teams and 12 BLS teams from New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Connecticut registered for the SIM Competition
- The Community Service Award is posted to the conference website and is 100% voted on by the public. Voting will close on October 8, 2023
- Welcomed Dr. Kaitlan Baston as Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of

Health

- Over 600 first responders have been trained in Five Minutes to Help and the Naloxone Leave Behind program
- Those who need resources regarding Five Minutes to Help and the Naloxone Leave Behind program can contact Tim Seplaki or Eva Nelson. Resources will soon be made available to the County EMS coordinators to distribute to their agencies
- EMSC and special projects recently conducted a Pediatric Disaster Response Emergency Preparedness training for 86 EMS providers
- EMSC continues to provide monthly educational programs to highlight the pediatric patient. There has been at least 200 providers in each session throughout the year
- The Culture of Safety committee has reconvened. They are focusing on mental health, lifting and moving, and re-evaluating the use of lights & sirens during emergency transports. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Colin Taylor from NJ OEMS
- Current members of this council need to discuss if they want additional memberships, or other individuals to be part of this body. If so, a letter needs to be sent NJ OEMS specifying what position needs to be added and why
- If you would like to voice changes to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) scope of practice, please email Director Gardner

OEMS Education – Mr. Kazar

- Christian Rios will be assuming the responsibility of secretary for all Boards and Councils
- Agency licensure has established a new email address, oemsagencylic@doh.nj.gov . This email address is to be contacted for anything related to the operations of a licensed agency
- OEMS is in the process of creating a direct phone number for reportable events
- Vehicle graphics need to match the trade name
- Investigators are discovering more vehicles are being left unsecured. It is important to make sure you lock your vehicles. This is a fineable offense and is not best practice
- Investigators are discovering multiple agencies are non-compliant with the regulatory and statutory requirements for crew members
- Stretchers need to be operated by two providers. The Department continues to see an increase of stretcher related incidents
- Agencies starting M-Z, are due for renewal by December 31, 2023

- NREMT Paramedic exam model will change July 1, 2024
- At the end of the June 2023 certification cycle, the Department received 30 new applications for Paramedics wishing to obtain inactive status. Based on new data, the average years of service for those Paramedics was 18 and the average age was 47 years old.
- Since January 1, 2023, the Department has issued the following new credentials and reviewed and approved

ALS Credentials	BLS Credentials	Education Classes
89	1,300+	3,600+

- The Department received 25 applicants for the Fall instructor screening session. In addition, there are 10 instructor candidates currently completing the alternative pathway process and 7 awaiting hours
- The Department is not issuing extensions for the December 31, 2023 Certification Cycle
- If a CEU class was not taken in New Jersey or approved by New Jersey in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:40A, it is not approved for CEU's

New Jersey EMS Advisory Council

No Report

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

- Focus remains on the new protocols and making a high-level standard of care is upheld
- Organizations are conducting medical director sessions with their providers to provide a better understanding the new protocols
- Two organizations are live with the new protocols. The remaining organizations anticipate going live within the next few months

BLS Sub-Committee – Dr. Satty

- Discussed the one (1) EMT and one (1) First Responder (EMR) for non-emergency transports, which is expiring on December 31, 2023

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund

No Report

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

- A newsletter is under development called the “Clinical Corner”

- Development continues with the “Always Ready for Children” program
- Development continues with the New Jersey Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect program (SCAN)
- The Pediatric Readiness Survey for the Emergency Department received 100% compliance this year
- Andy the Ambulance injury prevention program is being updated

Education Committee

No Report

NJ Air Medical Program - Dr. Kuc

- The Helipad issue at Cape May Armory has been resolved

	January 2022 – July 2022	January 2023 – July 2023
Scene Requests	984	1,419
Completed Missions	564	629
Interfacility Transports	1,075	1,216

NJ EMS Task Force

No Report

New Business

- Discussed waivers being issued to different agencies

Old Business

- Dr. Felderman
 - Made reference to regulations N.J.A.C. 8:40 and N.J.A.C. 8:41, that they require medical control for all patient encounters at the ALS level. Dr. Felderman asked with the new interim protocols, what is the expectation for contacting medical control for all patient encounters? Ms. Gardner advised that OEMS will explore the legal interpretation then provide the council with an update
- Ms. Gardner
 - Asked any if member of this committee could provide any reliable data with regards to discharging patients. Advised that the Department needs data to provide a supportive defense and response for the continuation of the one (1) EMT and one (1) EMR during non-emergency transports, to OEMS

Public Comment

None

Meeting Schedule:

- December 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM @ Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dr. Schreiber) Seconded (Dr. Felderman). Approved (Unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM