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## The Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services MINUTES of June 7, 2023

**Members Present:** Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Candace Gardner, Mr. Daniel Misa, Ms. Barbara Platt, Mr. Roger Sarao, Mr. Frank Setnicky, Dr. Stephen Vetrano, Ms. Paula Weiler,

**Members Absent:** Mr. Adam Beder, Sgt. Licinio Carvalho, Dr. William Felegi, Ms. Rowena Madden, Mr. Greg Scott,

**Guests/Attendees:** Mr. Rob Clawson, Mr. Bryan Fischberg, Ms. Neena Karnad, Mr. Christopher Matias, Mr. Colton Shandor, Ms. Barbara Vaning,

**Dept. of Health:** Ms. Judy Faulkner, Ms. Victoria Holmes, Mr. Paul Jakuboski, Mr. Daniel Kazar

The EMT Training Fund Advisory Council convened on June 7, 2023, at Mercer County Fire Academy "Capt. John T. Dempster Sr." Fire Training Center in Classroom A, with a call to order at 10:08 am by Dr. Vetrano.

### **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). Notice was also posted to the Department's website at [www.nj.gov/health/ems](http://www.nj.gov/health/ems)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance as of May 30, 2023: \$4,304,996

*Motion to approve the May financial report (Mr. Sarao). Seconded (Ms. Weiler).  
Approved (Unanimous)*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the March 2023 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 March 2023 meeting minutes (Ms. Weiler) Seconded (Mr. Misa)  
Approved (Unanimous)*

### **RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE:**

No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The EMS Council of New Jersey presented the final 2023 symposium reimbursement request for \$15.00 per CEU

*Motion to approve the 2023 EMS Council of NJ Symposium reimbursement at a rate of \$15 per CEU (Mr. Misa) Seconded (Ms. Weiler) Approved (4 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions)*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OEMS Report – Ms. Candace Gardner**

- Thank you for a wonderful and successful EMS Week
- Welcomed Paul Jakubowski to OEMS, as a Public Health Representative
- There will be additional positions for Mobile Integrated Health and a State EMS Medical Director posted shortly
- Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) will be launching a voluntary Advanced EMT Program accreditation that will start January 1, 2025
- Course approvals are up to date, please refer providers to email Ms. Holmes if there are any questions
- Refresher program evaluation is being overseen by Mr. Kazar at this time, please refer any questions or comments you may have to him

- The OEMS will be routinely updating the list of agencies eligible for EMT Training Fund Reimbursement, found on the Department's website
- Narcan Leave Behind supplies can be placed through the New Jersey Department of Human Services website
- All presenters selected to speak at the 2023 National Conference on EMS have been notified
- Always Ready for Children, is a voluntary program for EMS agencies to be recognized as meeting certain pediatric criteria. EMS agencies may apply for recognition through the Licensing System
- The EMS Task Force will be assisting in working on pediatric readiness and disaster preparedness with hospital coalitions
- Clinical Corner, first series of pediatric educational videos is in the final stages of approval
- Agency Licensing and Inspections are developing a new virtual inspection process
- If you are requesting anyone from the OEMS to attend an event, please make sure to submit a request at least 45 days prior to the date of the event which are posted on the website
- The Department issued a position statement on anti-choking devices, which are posted to the website. These devices are and are currently not approved for use on any EMS vehicle within the State
- The updated regulations are in the review process. The current regulations will be re-adopted for seven (7) years and repealed once the new regulations have been approved

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Fischberg:
  - Supports increased reimbursement for EMT refresher, funding may make it difficult to move forward
  - Pediatric posters now reflect weight in kilograms (kg), as such, kg conversion charts should be in every ambulance
- Ms. Vanning:

- Questioned the EMT Instructor process
- Mr. Kazar advised that there are eight (8) micro evaluations tonight. If candidates stayed on track with their required hours, they could potentially be issued their EMT-Instructor tonight. The next screening dates will be in October
- Ms. Neena, on behalf of Plainsboro Rescue Squad:
  - Expressed concerns with being removed from the EMT Training Fund Eligibility list
  - “The Plainsboro Rescue Squad has been in service since 1974 and operates daily, at night, from 6p-6a during the week and 24 hours on weekend nights. The Plainsboro Rescue Squad does not bill patients for service, but the Plainsboro Twp. EMS, which is a different entity that utilizes the Plainsboro Rescue Squad vehicles, is licensed and bills patients for the service provide.”
  - Requested the Plainsboro Rescue Squad be reinstated to the EMT Training Fund Eligibility List. As per Mr. Daniel Kazar, the OEMS will further investigate the legalities of the Plainsboro Rescue Squads operation separate from this meeting

**Meeting Schedule:**

- September 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM @ the Mercer County Fire Academy
- December 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM @ the Mercer County Fire Academy
- March 6, 2024 @ 10:00 AM location TBA

**The Mercer County Fire Academy is located at**

350 Lawrence Station Road  
 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648  
 Classroom A

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM