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**New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council
December 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order: December 12, 2022, 10:00am - Dr. Barbara Schreibman

Roll Call – Handled by Sign-in sheet

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion: **By:** Dr. Jay Stiefel **Seconded:** Dr. Timothy Satty
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea:** All **Nay:** None **Abstain:** None

Prehospital Analgesia Intervention Trial (PAIN) presentation – Dr. Tanya Egodage

- Introduced the research proposal
- Motion made for this council to send official correspondence to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, in support of the research proposal
- Discussion: None
- Motion to accept: **Yea:** 11 **Nay:** None **Abstain:** None

New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council – Dr. Stephen Vetrano

- No report.

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs – Mr. Mark Bober

- Leading Edge 2023 in the planning stages
- Monitoring various legislative initiatives including A4505 and S2946
- Discussion: None

BLS Sub-Committee – Dr. Gerard Carroll

- Discussed cardiac arrest care and termination of resuscitation by BLS
- Discussed not initiating resuscitation guidelines and what happens if ALS does not continue to the location for a pronouncement
- Discussion ensued

EMT Training Fund Advisory Council – Mr. Steven Cohen

- Meeting was held on December 7, 2022

- Approved the EMS Council of New Jersey's reimbursement request for their 2022 conference
- Approved the Gold Cross magazine for reimbursement of assigned CEUs for one year, utilizing a scantron-style testing procedure
 - Their testing procedure will need to be modernized
- Proposed a new financial reporting mechanism
- Recruitment and retention discussions are ongoing
- Discussion ensued

EMS for Children – Dr. Ernest Leva

- No Report

Education Committee – Mr. Steven Cohen

- Discussed New Jersey Paramedic student graduation rates
- Discussion ensued

JEMSTAR – Dr. Alexander Kuc

- Discussed blood administration by Air Medical Units in New Jersey.

New Jersey EMS Task Force – Mr. Andy Lovell

- 115 members completed a three-day training session in October
- Charles Uhl is the new Southern Leader
- Approximately 750,000 vaccinations have been transferred

OEMS – Ms. Candace Gardner

- EMTTF
 - The timeliness of reimbursement submissions needs to be more concise to provide more accurate reporting and processing
 - Many continuing education providers are not uploading student information onto rosters to update the completion status
 - OEMS will not be updating rosters, offenders will be required to meet with OEMS in Trenton to rectify
- Working to re-establish the Specialty Care Transport Unit (SCTU) Committee to ensure they have a seat at the table
- OEMS Staffing
 - Andrew Rivera is no longer with OEMS and has taken a job out of state. We wish him the best of luck
 - Judy Faulkner has joined the team as an Agency Service Representative
 - Christian Rios and Fatima Manzoor have joined the team as Public Health Representative's working primarily with the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program
 - OEMS still has several openings, anyone interested in joining the team should reach out to OEMS directly
- Guidelines for Trauma Triage have been disseminated to the EMS community

- The State Trauma System Advisory Committee is seeking recommendations for a paid ALS provider, BLS provider, and a representative from the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- The state website has been updated with recommendations for donning and doffing of PPE in a suspected Ebola case. EMS should have a heightened level of awareness
- EMSC is expecting \$205,000 in grant funding for educational programs, safety initiatives, school nurse in-services, newsletters, etc. during the next grant cycle
 - The next online educational class on Pediatric Holiday Hazards by Dr. Lisa Drago is scheduled for December 15, 2022
- The Department continues to work towards transitioning from NEMSIS v3.4 to v3.5. All agencies should work with their vendors to transition in 2023
- P.L. 2022, c.118 was published and is geared toward redesigning Advanced Life Support in New Jersey and the development of a Mobile Integrated Health Program
- The Department will be hosting stakeholder meetings to start to facilitate dialog on what the community would like to see in the next generation of regulations
- One regionalized EMT-Instructor screening was canceled due to a lack of interest
- Changes to the CEU values assigned to specific canned classes are being re-evaluated and assigned according to the applicability to providing service as an EMT. The Department is recommending EMTs focus on clinical education instead of classes with a high CEU value focused on operations
- Discussion ensued about the New Jersey Protocols
- Motion made for this council to send official correspondence to the New Jersey Department of Health to update the BLS protocols to reflect current regulations
 - **By:** Dr. Steifel **Seconded:** Dr. Satty
 - Motion to accept: **Yea:** 11 **Nay:** none **Abstain:** none **Absent:** 7

OEMS Education Report – Mr. Daniel Kazar

- No Report

New Business – Dr. Schreiberman

- Dr. Kimberly Baldino discussed the proposed legislation that would change the APN scope of practice.
- Ms. Joanne Piccininni recommended the EPC class from NAEMT be allowed to be utilized in addition to PALS or PEPP-Advanced certifications

Bylaw – Dr. Schreiberman

- Discussed potential changes to the bylaws

Nomination Committee – Dr. Bill Wang

- Nominations are uncontested
 - **Seconded:** Dr. Steifel
 - A single ballot was cast by the Secretary
 - 2023 MICU Advisory Council Officers are:

- Chairperson: Dr. Carroll
- Vice Chairperson: Dr. Schreibman
- MICU Program Director: Mr. Thomas Lavagna
- EMS Educator: Mr. Steven Cohen

Old Business

- None

Public Comment

- Ben Dafilou spoke about the Paramedics for the Advancement of New Jersey EMS

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Location at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.