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**New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council
June 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Schreiberman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call – Handled by Sign-in sheet.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022, meeting:

- Motion: **First:** Dr. Stiefel **Seconded:** Dr. Klebacher
 1. Discussion: None
 2. Motion to accept: **Yea:** All **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

New Jersey Department of Health

Dr. Adinaro:

- Thanked everyone in the room for their work over the last two and a half years. Discussed how important EMS was to the Coronavirus response and continues to be.
- The Department will be analyzing the stockpile of medical equipment NJ currently has to determine if there is an adequate amount.
- 18 million doses of the Coronavirus vaccine were administered to individuals living in, working, or being educated in NJ.
- There are a lot of late diagnoses of various cancers, higher rates of new HIV cases, STIs, and opiate deaths since the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- The Department will be hiring a Director of Opiate Response.
- The Department will be interviewing for the Assistant Commissioner to PHILEP.
- Once the Assistant Commissioner is appointed, the Department will then be interviewing and hiring for the Director of OEMS.
- The Department is looking at the various legislative bills dealing with EMS. All communications from the Department regarding these legislative bills need to go through the Governor's Office. The Department does not directly comment on the bills.
- Discussion ensued.
 - Question was asked about the Naloxone Leave Behind Program.
 - In conjunction with the Department and Human Services, large amounts of Naloxone have been purchased. A distribution network

is being set up to dispense these supplies to first responders, including EMS providers.

EMS Bills

Dr. Schreibman:

- Mark Bober spoke about legislative bills A4107 and S2768.
- Legislative bills A4107 and S2768 were directed at the ALS component of the EMS system.
- Discussion ensued.

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs

Mark Bober:

- Leading Edge 2022 planning continues.

Bylaws Update

Dr. Schreibman:

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council

Dr. Vetrano:

- Most items discussed at the NJ Emergency Medical Services Council meeting will be addressed in this meeting.
- Communication Committee reported about the 9-8-8 number, an alternative route for out-of-hospital mental health. This is still a work in progress, and the 9-1-1 system may play a part in the process.
- Discussion ensued.

BLS Sub-Committee

Dr. Schreibman, on behalf of Dr. Carroll:

- Discussion continues about proposing a pilot program to allow supraglottic airway placement by BLS for patients in cardiac arrest when arriving before ALS.
- Continue to request the use of glucometers and to carry nebulized albuterol in the scope of practice for EMTs in New Jersey.

EMT Training Fund Advisory Council

Steve Cohen:

- The training fund has approximately six million dollars in the fund.
- The fund is running in a deficit.
- Discussed the creation of a recruitment campaign for EMS.
- Discussed raising the reimbursement from the training fund for initial and refresher training.
- Discussion ensued.

EMS for Children

Dr. Drago:

- No report.

Education Committee

Steven Cohen:

- There are approximately 180 paramedic students across all the programs in the state.
- 80 paramedic students are expected to graduate in 2022.
- Discussion ensued.

JEMSTAR

Dr. Schreibman, on behalf of Dr. Carroll:

- There is difficulty getting the programs to share data.
- The committee is looking into the utilization of available air medical units in New Jersey.
- Discussion: None

New Jersey EMS Task Force

Dr. Schreibman, on behalf of Andy Lovell:

- Continues to work with the Department to conduct vaccine transfers.
- Conducted more than 5,100 transfers totaling approximately 645,000 doses.
- Working with legislators and the Department to attain federal funding under the American Rescue Plan to support the replacement of critical assets and the continued growth of the program.
- Worked with New Jersey Hospital Association to complete several required statewide plans to ensure that the obligations under the Hospital Preparedness Program are met.
- Was provided with funding by the Department for a Medical Ambulance Bus sustainment project to make repairs and necessary maintenance.
- Has upgraded the EMS emergency radio system for Task Force agencies, all 21 counties, and the Department by acquiring radios and equipment that will be compatible with the new statewide radio system.
- Continues to support the NJSEA Emergency Medical Services with incident management MCI support at all its high-profile events.
- Planning a full-scale exercise, that will be conducted for seven consecutive days in October, including a three-day deployment of a field hospital system.

OEMS

Candace Gardner:

- Introduced all new staff members.
- Daniel Kazar has officially been promoted to the Chief of Education, Licensure, and Enforcement.
- A new Public Health Representative 2 will be starting in July.
- The office still has a lot of open positions, and we continue to look for qualified candidates.
- The call for speakers has closed for the 2022 National Conference on EMS.
- Nominations for the 2022 National Conference on EMS close on August 23, 2022.

- The simulation competition is still accepting teams but filling up quickly.
- The transition to NEMSIS 3.5 has started.
- Make sure that your ePCR vendor sends your agency's updated demographic files to the state repository.
- EMS for Children newsletter is slightly delayed due to programmatic work, but will be published soon.
- South Jersey Safe Kids expects to distribute approximately 500 child car seats for 2022.
- EMS for Children, School Nurse Education program hopes to restart in Fall 2022.
- There was 100% participation in the 2022 EMS for Children survey.
- Reminder that as an advisory committee to the Department, all recommendations, proposals, and letters of support must be submitted through the Department's Chain of Command for approval.
- The Department continues to work on updating the regulations and is hopeful to have them available for public comment shortly.
- Discussion ensued.
 - Committee members asked about the timetable and process of promulgating regulations.
 - Advised process initiates within OEMS then through DOH chain of command for approval, public comment response and publishing
 - Unable to give a timetable for when everything might be completed, but the regulations expire in June of 2023.

OEMS Education Report

Daniel Kazar:

- There are new vehicle inspection sites in Burlington County and Union County that will be open weekly. Vehicle inspection sites will be open in Morris County and Cape May County twice a year and in Bergen County on the first Wednesday of every month.
- Regulatory inspections for agencies with trade names starting with 'D' through 'H,' are due by June 30, 2022.
- Regulatory inspections for agencies with trade names starting with 'I' through 'L,' are due by December 31, 2022.
- The OEMS is working on establishing a direct phone line and email to schedule vehicle inspections.
- The new vehicle license decals are being issued and distributed after a vehicle's successful inspection.
- Make sure your vehicles meet all regulatory and Title 39 requirements before the inspection.
- When inputting a new vehicle into the License Management System, you will be required to input a schematic of the vehicle's exterior, a copy of the vehicle's registration, and a copy of the KKK-1822-A sticker, if applicable.
- Any questions regarding the ImageTrend Licensing Management System should be directed to Zachary Raab.
- Medical Directors, please update your ImageTrend Licensing Management System accounts.

- Any questions regarding licensing and inspections should be directed to Lisa Kahle.
- Working on updating the OEMS' website to make it more user-friendly.
- There are many incidents and injuries involving stretchers to both crewmembers and patients. Please review the proper use of stretchers with your staff.
- For agencies with licensed AMUs, the office will call you to schedule inspections. Logan Rafferty will be managing these inspections.
- There is no extension for certifications expiring on June 30, 2022, and December 31, 2022.
- Over the last two years, approximately 40 new EMT-Instructors have been certified.
- Elective CEU and EMT Refresher classes need to be applied for at least 30 days before the class is scheduled to start.
- The office will be reviewing the pre-approved CEU course list at the end of 2022.
- For EMT reciprocity candidates, please ensure the EMS-64 form is completed before submission.
- For EMT Refresher classes, if the course is listed as restricted, please read what it says; the educational institution providing the type might want you to register via their internal process.
- After completing an NREMT examination, please advise the office of such. The office does not receive automatic notifications that an individual has successfully completed an examination.
- Discussion ensued
 - Can provisional New Jersey Paramedics operate as a secondary crew member or only a third crew member?
 - The provisional New Jersey Paramedic may operate as a secondary or a third crewmember, as deemed appropriate by the clinical coordinator.

New Business

Dr. Schreibman:

- During the September meeting, this council will need to form a nomination committee. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please let Dr. Schreibman know.
- Steve Cohen talked about the National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured Patients and that this Council should endorse these Guidelines and bring them forth to the New Jersey Trauma System Advisory Committee to adopt them.
 - Discussion ensued.
 - All members present in the meeting stated this is something the Council should endorse.

Old Business

- None.

Public Comment

- None.

The next meeting will be on September 12, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.