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New Jersey Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council September 12, 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 June 12, 2022, meeting:

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

New Jersey Department of Health

Dana Johnson:

- Introduced to the Committee.
- Expressed gratitude to everyone for everything they have done during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Discussed vision for the Department to work together with internal and external stakeholders.

New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Council

Dr. Vetrano:

- Will be meeting on September 14, 2022.

New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs

Mark Bober:

- Leading Edge 2022 is scheduled for October 19, 2022.

BLS Sub-Committee

Dr. Carroll:

- Discussed if a patient refuses care, are Paramedics required.
- Discussed the use of body-worn cameras by EMS providers.
- Aware of patients being transported in handcuffs, applied by law enforcement, and the patient's arms positioned behind their back.

- This is an unsafe practice. Looking into different approaches to stop this from happening.
- Discussion ensued.

EMT Training Fund Advisory Council

Steve Cohen:

- Meeting on September 7, 2022, was canceled due to lack of quorum.

EMS for Children

Dr. Schreiberman, on behalf of Dr. Leva:

- Currently working on three initiatives:
 - Developing levels of Pediatric Emergency Departments.
 - Evaluating prehospital pediatric cardiopulmonary arrest.
 - Conducting retrospective evaluation of the use and proper application of automated external defibrillators at high school sporting events.

Education Committee

Steven Cohen:

- Discussed New Jersey Paramedic student graduation rates.
- Discussed 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.

JEMSTAR

Dr. Carroll:

- Looking into the utilization of available air medical units in New Jersey.
- Provided an update on Buprenorphine administration in Camden, New Jersey.

New Jersey EMS Task Force

Andy Lovell:

- Continues to work with the Department to conduct vaccine transfers.
- Approximately 715,000 vaccinations have been transferred.
- Awaiting to hear from the Governor's Office on the distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan.

OEMS

Candace Gardner:

- Dr. David Adinaro has resigned as Deputy Commissioner.
- Dr. Margaret Fisher has been appointed as the Acting Deputy Commissioner.
- Dana Johnson has been appointed as Assistant Commissioner.
- Introduced new OEMS employees, Fatima Manzoor and Andrew Rivera.
- All vehicle schematics are to be sent to the OEMS before scheduling an inspection.
- Providers with names starting with the letters 'D-H' were due for regulatory inspection by June 2022.
- Providers with names starting with the letters 'I-L' are due for regulatory inspection by December 2022.

- Ensure provider accounts are kept up to date with contact information in the Licensing Management System.
- DHS has launched its registration and ordering site for Naloxone leave behind.
- Opioid resource and information kits are in the process of being created by the Department.
- The Department is working with ePCR vendors for the upcoming transition to NEMSIS 3.5.
- National Conference on EMS is scheduled for November 3, 2022, through November 5, 2022, with the preconference being on November 2, 2022.
- EMSC Newsletter should be published in October of this year.
- A Pediatric Volunteer Recognition Program is being established to evaluate and recognize agencies on pediatric education and equipment.
- EMSC will be hosting a school nurse in-service that will be held virtually on October 13, 2022.

OEMS Education Report

Daniel Kazar:

- Clinical Coordinator meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022.
- Elective CEU classes must be submitted for approval at least 30 days prior to the start of the class.
- There are no extensions for December 31, 2022, or June 30, 2023, recertification cycles.
- Reminder that the EMT certification renewal process requires 24 elective CEUs, 24 Core CEUs, and a valid CPR card.
- After an individual successfully completes the NREMT examination, please email ems@doh.nj.gov so their New Jersey certification can be issued.
- Upcoming screening for the EMT-Instructor candidate process will be on November 19, 2022, at Bergen County EMT Training Center, December 10, 2022, at RWJBarnabas EMS station in East Brunswick, and December 17, 2022, at Gloucester County EMS Headquarters.
- Requests for verification letters from the Department for individuals looking to become certified in other states is at an all time high. Providers should expect a two to three week time period for processing these requests.
- The Department will be re-evaluating CEU credit hours.

Nomination Committee

Dr. Wang:

- Being formed to preside over the elections scheduled for December's meeting.
 - Contact Dr. Wang if you wish to be on the nomination committee or would like to nominate someone as an officer on the Executive Council.

New Business

Dr. Schreibman:

- Discussed potential for future meetings being held in-person, via teleconference meeting, or in a hybrid form.
- Congratulations to Mark Veenema on his upcoming retirement in December 2022.

NJ EMS Bill

Dr. Schreiberman:

- Gave an update on the current legislative bills.

Old Business

- None.

Public Comment

- None.

The next meeting will be on December 12, 2022 at the Middlesex Fire Academy.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.