

**VERMONT EMS DISTRICT 6
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
19:00 ZOOM Meeting
February 08, 2022**

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- I. Call to Order / VM Roll Call – Mark Podgwaite **19: 03**
Online Attendees: Howie McCausland, Jennifer Miner, Ellen Stein, Gordon Murray, Scott Bagg, Matt Romei, Laurie Beth Putnam, Karolyn Jarodsky, Joe Aldsworth, Danielle Myers, Mark Podgwaite, Lawton Rutter, Patty O’Neill, Marge Bower,
- II. Approval of December Minutes **Howie, Ellen Motion Carries**
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Beth Putnam **LT, Gordon Motion Carries**
- IV. Agenda Items from the Board **New Chief of Service- New Mutual Aid Matrix- New Business, Faxing of EKG- New Business**
- V. Reports:
 - A) Medical Advisor – Ellen Stein **First QA Topic- Siren has its limitations especially around strokes. Complete date in the fields and narrative are very important. This will help identify training needs. Score must be calculated and communicated to Medical Direction. Scott is working on a training video for approval. There will be a quiz associated with this as well.**

There is no definitive conclusion of bypassing CVMC by some services and providing direct transport UVM based upon score. The next QA topic will be airways for the prior 3 months. Paramedic training schedule is in the works. SIM lab on 3/4/22 it is free at UVM in the morning. In the future we could discuss w/ Geoff Farnham about use of space at 1311. NU Also has simmanikins so Scott will follow up with them. Contact Dr. Stein if you need NR sign off for recerts. TO must sign off on skills section. Sarah Sliva will be back as DMA while Ellen is away between March-June. State is forming a CRT (Crisis Response Team), Washington County is the pilot for the project. Joe Aldsworth is the EMS representative from the State of Vermont. EMS involvement in redesigning of the ER has been occurring. Mark is the representative for this.

B) Training Coordinator – Scott Bagg Handful of course ongoing. Mad River course is moving ahead. They were forced to go online with the course, but they are planning to return to in person classes soon. 8 students to test in April w/ Scott's class. NU course still has 20 participants. They just restarted in person classes Monday 2/7/22 w/ online access. EMT Class at CVCC is going well. VEFR Classes in Cabot 2/18 & 2/19. Scott is working on a course for Berlin Fire. Skill instructor course this Sunday 2/13, 6 participants so far. Exam on 4/16 for multiple EMT classes, @ Norwich University. Scott is putting together information on what alerts to call and when for a future training.

C) CVMC Update- Danielle Myers Quality Department at CVMC has concerns related to bariatric patients. Incidents at CVMC or Woodridge are reported through the quality report. There are safety and liability concerns. No one in D6 has bariatric

equipment or trucks. The only option would be to call UVM. This came up years ago, the cost back then was over \$35,000 at that time. The ability of district 6 service to get a bariatric transport unit is unlikely. Is it appropriate to develop a plan? Mark recently priced this out and for the entire package it would add approximately \$100,000 on top of the price of the There maybe an opportunity to partner with bariatric wheelchair beds. Dr. Stein can follow up to see if this is a possibility. Scott will reach out to Lindsey at HealthNet. National shortage of blood collection tubes. May pull from EMS stock in the future.

VI. Old Business:

A) BHRC After Action Report At this point Howie has more questions than suggestions. We were making good progress on MCI Training etc but the pandemic impacted that. We should start working on another tabletop and live exercise. This event was a good test for the MCI plan, thankfully no one was hurt. We should compare our plan with the AAR to identify opportunities for improvement. We should get a smaller group together. Matt, Mark, Scott, and Howie, and Dr. Stein should be a start to this smaller group. No one has a good solution to “where to put 100 nursing home patients.” We were awaiting feedback from the nursing homes as to their plans. We may be able to qualify for Homeland Security Grants. Matt feels like we should run a tabletop per quarter. It should not always be the same people. We still do not have designated MCI coordinators which is part of our MCI plan.

VII. New Business:

A). VEFR Scope of Practice Scott forwarded the scope of practice. They must operate within their scope of practice. This is a state EMS thing, not a district thing. VT EMS has not deployed any

information other than on the leadership call. There has been no publications from them. We need to confirm that these are actually live before we give responders the “OK.” The EMS Rules have not been published the most recent ones are from 2018 online. Dr. Stein will follow up with Dr. Wolfson. Mark will reach out to Dan Batsie. Scott will reach out to Ray and Bambi. We need official communication and protocols before we can give them the go ahead to respond.

A). New Chief of Service for Berlin Matt will ask the Berlin Fire Chief to notify us of New Head of Service. Follow up Elizabeth regarding SIREN.

B). Mutual Aid Matrix First Mutual Aid Matrix use, and it was not smooth for Mad River. BTEMS is listed as MRVAS 1st in when it really should be WASI. This can be resolved at the service level with notification to the district and dispatch.

D). Faxing of EKG Which ones are going to be faxed to CVMC? Abnormal or STEMIs would be the thought. There are some that did not make it to the providers. Initials and DOB would be required. Is there going to be an upcoming mandate to be able to transmit? Protocol only says when possible. Zoll modules will allow for transmission. Karolyn will remind staff these should not be discarded.

VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Order:

Nomination Committee: Jenn Miner, Joe Aldsworth
Elections in April

IX. Adjournment: 20:27 Gordon, LT Motion Carries.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022, TBD
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