VERMONT EMS DISTRICT 6
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12,2023

I. Call to Order / VM Roll Call – Lawton Rutter 1803 In Person: Kristen, Jennifer (Guest), Maggie, Joe, Howie, Matt, Meggan, Peter, Scott, LT, Jimmy, Rob, Veronica. Online: Patti, James, Ellen, David,

II. Approval of August Minutes motion by Howie, second by Maggie Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – Laurie Beth Putnam Tabled Motion by Joe, Second by Howie

IV. Agenda Items from the Board **New business Item added by Scott.**

V. Reports:

A) Medical Advisor – Ellen Stein DEMIST- ED has not been supporting EMS presenting in this way but the doctors and nurses will be starting to do so. It is best to practice with lower acuity patients. It is not only a format of how we give communication, but it is also a process. EKGs should be being interpreted by a paramedic. The Q kick off meeting is coming up after a year and a half on January 3rd. Trainings are being forwarded by Ellen, and Scott.

B) Training Coordinator- Scott Bagg VEFR Course at NU had 32 attendees. CV Career Center EMT class is down to 5 or 6 students. MRVAS course has 12 attendees. The next upcoming course NU EMT Course Tuition Pd for by VT EMS Rural EMS Fund. They will need to pay for the online Brady Course and Textbook. In 3.5 hours, there were 74 people signed up for a 40-person course. Additional commitments were required for this course because of the grant. The candidates must commit to completion of the course and agree to 6 months of service to some form of EMS in VT after they complete the class in May to any Vt EMS agency. There is a signed agreement in place for each student. There will be 50 students taking this course large portion of them are NU students. Skills labs will be broken into morning and afternoon sessions. The grant covered 35 of the 50 students and the additional funds was taken out of the special fund this may be district 6 funds or it may be Vt EMS funds. Skills lab instructor course is being proposed. 3 online sessions, and 1 skill lab session. No cost. Motion by Howie, Second by Joe. Motion carried.

C) CVMC Update- Melissa D'amico is the new ED nurse educator. Someone reached out seeking EMS personnel to assist in presenting material at CVCC. They are seeking a 25-minute presentation, overview for a career path in healthcare. Scott recommended that Bob reach out to her directly on this. Jennifer Lucas was introduced the new emergency preparedness coordinator. She is working on update the hospital preparedness plan which includes updating the MCI plan. She is looking for a spring tabletop exercise with a full-scale event in early 2025. Matt and Howie and Matt already have volunteered. Matt asked if there is any way to break down the barriers between EMS and DHMC regarding patient follow up. David suggests agencies use Vermont Health Information Exchange. David will reach out to them to see if we can facilitate a better relationship there. Ellen will also reach out to district 8 & 9 DMAs to see how she can assist as well.

VI. Old Business:

A) License application renewals 4 services in District 6 that are still working through their license applications renewals. David spoke with Bambi as Ray is on PTO and she will discuss with Ray upon his return issuing licenses that have agreements that may end in the middle of the next licensing period. Rob brought up the date differences on the license renewal and the letter of agreements. Lt will follow up with Ray and Bambi to ensure things are all set when Ray returns. District 6 reviewed and submitted applications by the deadline, but the state EMS office found holes.

B) Virginia Caffin Award A recipient has been selected. There was a delay in getting the plaque ordered. This will be presented at the service level not a district board meeting.

C) District Training supply storage and rented space. With the floods this is not the first time the district has lost equipment. So, we have made a deliberate decision to store the districts training materials at another location and have a space for classroom teaching. Scott has received a commitment from CVMC that district six will have space

in the new educational space at CVMC in 2024. The final decisions of its location have not yet been determined. The equipment will be shared between the hospital and the EMS district. Laurie Beth will need to tell the board when we last paid for the space at NERSA and where we are at in that rental agreement period. Joe asked if there is potential to request a refund as the space had been unusable for 5 months so far.

VII. New Business

A) Grant funds for Rural EMS Covered during the training coordinator segment.

B) New AEMT requirements Scott is working with other Vt EMS instructors on a go forward plan with NREMT sunsets their psychomotor exams. Starting July 1, the AEMT NR EMT tests will be more comprehensive and there will be no psychomotor test. This will require a certain number of specified skills before you complete your program. It can not be done in simulation, or clinical it must be prehospital. The decision is being appealed as it presents a barrier to future AEMT students. If you want the list of requirements, please reach out to Scott. Joe made a motion to have Scott write a letter from our district to support the appeal and submit it to the board for approval. Second by Howie.

C) Legislative Report District six had an excellent turn out at the Northfield meeting Scott, thanks everyone. It was great to see some great feedback. The process hindered by personal agendas. Draft copies were supposed to be distributed November 15th to the 14 members that worked on this, they have now refused to distribute anything further on this study. Travis who did this study, is no longer responding to emails. One of Travis's recommendations was to eliminate districts statewide. One of the goals was to come up with alternative options on how to support EMS in the future. It will be published after January 1st. Dan, Bambi, Will and Travis are the only ones who will see this before it is published. When this goes in front of the legislature Scott asks that we all join him there in front of them. They need to see us. We are encouraged to reach out to our local legislators before this comes out. Scott is willing to share the email communications that took place during process. $100,000 was spent on this process. 2024 is going to be a remarkable year for Vt. EMS.

D) Diltiazem for Paramedic services there are two formulas you can carry, one is a refrigerated vial that once you remove from the refrigerator you have 30 days to use, and once it comes out it is out it can not be put back in. The other is advantage vials which must be paired up with the advantage bag, they cannot just be used with a regular 100ml bag these are a special order and only used by EMS. Northfield bought a case of 50 100ml bags, Scott's suggestion is that the district refund Northfield and that these bags be supplied to the five paramedic services so that they have these bags in stock for use. Meggan has not yet paid the invoice, so the district could just pay the invoice. Howie made the motion to pay this invoice, Second by Joe. Motion carried. Scott will make arrangements to pick up the case at Northfield's Bay and the case will be distributed amongst the five paramedic services. Scott will contact the distributor and pay the invoice directly.

VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Order:

February 20th, 24th and 25th Berlin is hosting a low angle rescue course. It will be a few hours on Tuesday night, a full day Saturday and Sunday potentially. Minimum of 12 students, capped at 16 $200 per participant. This is specifically geared toward stokes baskets and wheels on difficult terrain. This is a precursor to fancier ropes training. Let Matt know if you have anyone who would like to attend.

Starting in January Matt is teaching a 300-level disaster preparedness course. Matt will be reaching out for Participants toward the end of the semester to support the students. Jennifer Lucas is willing to assist with this.

In March Joe has been awarded a T triple C course by the state there is no fees associated with it. Dr. Stein with be the MA.

District Executive Board will be meeting on the off months from the board meetings. They are warned executive sessions. We are going to standardize the meeting practice for those elected members. This is an open meeting, but executive sessions may occur during these meetings with only executive board members present. This will be via zoom.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1935

Next Meeting: February 13, 2024, TBD

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