

VERMONT EMS DISTRICT 6

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

19:00 ZOOM Meeting

April 11. 2023

Zoom or In-Person Meeting

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- I. Call to Order / VM Roll Call 1902 – Lawton Rutter in person: Laurie Beth, LT, Scott, Jennifer, Veronica, Howie, Ellen, Kaiden, Meggan, Maggie, Joe, Patty, Paul, Jimmy, Jeff, online: Gordon, Matt, Zachary Panton (guest), Liam Syan, (guest), Udhav Gupta (guest), Megan Woody (guest), Kristen,
- II. Interfacility Transfers (Tuck Introduction) The TUCK team want to help us to understand the challenges from interfacility Transfers from CVMC. The goal is to help get a better sense of resource utilization and guide the system going forward. The team is working with Dr. Stein and Dr. Greenburg. Surveys will be distributing throughout the district. The timeline concludes on 5/19/23
- III. SUSPEND THE MEETING Scott, Howie Motion Carried
- IV. Formation of Slate of officers See below. No nominations in advance.
- V. Election of 2023 Officers
- VI. Chair Nominations: LT by Howie, second by Scott. Accepts nomination. Matt moved the question to close nominations and have the secretary case 1 ballot for LT as the chair. Unanimously approved
- VII. Vice -Chair: Howie by the chair, second Maggie, Howie accepted. Motion by Matt to close nomination and have the secretary case 1 ballot for Howie as the vice chair. Unanimously approved
- VIII. Secretary: Jenn by, Veronica, second by Scott Nomination accepted. Motion by Matt to close nominations. The chair will cast 1 ballot for Jenn as the secretary. Unanimously approved
Treasurer: Laurie -Beth by Joe, second by Scott Nomination accepted. Motion by Jenn to close nominations and have the secretary case 1 ballot for Laure-Beth as the treasurer. Unanimously approved
District Medical Advisor: Ellen Stein by the board, nomination accepted. Motion by Jenn to close nominations and have a voice vote to reflect 2/3 majority. Unanimously approved
District Training Coordinator. Scott by Howie, Second by Jenn. Nomination accepted. Motion by Peter to close nominations seconded by Ellen and have a voice vote to reflect 2/3 majority. Unanimously approved.
- IX. Approval of February Minutes Howie, Scott, Motion carried.
- X. Treasurer's Report – Laurie Beth Putnam Laurie Beth explained the lay out of the current financials that were emailed out to everyone. She is preparing to complete the annual 990, copies will be sent to the officers. Anyone can request a copy and Laurie Beth will send it out. We are in good standing with the Secretary of State's office. She is reaching out to NU students to see if there is anyone interested in doing an audit. It has been 2 years. Jenn, Joe. 89.91 under conventions, it is the last time we did dinner. This was discussed with Mark. No invoice to date for NERSA, there will be an increase in the next invoice. Is the usage being tracked? There was use for the AEMT course. We are now only using it a few times a quarter. Motion Carried.
- XI. Introduction of New Service Leaders: Peter from WASI
- XII. Agenda Items from the Board

XIII. Reports:

- A) Medical Advisor – Ellen Stein Most people got everything in that was required. Scott and Ellen are open to suggestions for changes but have some suggestions themselves as well. It would be helpful to incorporate this into refreshers being held in the district. There is discussion about 1 Paramedic and 1 AEMT refresher per year. There will be meetings about the new version of the form to prepare. Ellen realized she can use vector to communicate with the providers. Please verify your level is correct in the system. Pediatric to go kits arrived, so there will be more coming on that. Training for monthly meetings on Pediatrics should be shared with all service members. Certificates will link to your vector account once you attend. You only get credit if you attend live trainings. Masks will be required by CVMC staff unless they are delivering direct patient care or exposure, or symptomatic, not by the patients unless they are symptomatic, we can determine if you mask at the service level. CDC guidelines do not require masking currently. Consider requiring masks for those delivering patient care. District 3 is following the same thing we are. Districts 12 & 13 are still requiring masks. Refresh your teams on COVID Symptoms. Maintain backstock in case of additional outbreaks in the future.
- B) Training Coordinator- Scott Bagg 3 course MRVAS 9, NU 15, CVCC 12, all nearing the end. There is testing on 4/23 potentially at NERSA. No course applications for the summer. Next round of “voucher” program will be laid out differently. Offering to 5 state large run programs to offer these voucher services. District 6 will not be eligible for this program, so we will have to see how this plays out. It takes the local teaching out of the districts. It was too incumbent to carry on the way they did with the original voucher program. The district will support local no cost courses supported by a service. May 23 Boston Lt. will present about EMS best practice with patients on drug substances. Pedi training coming lady this summer. July is Pedi Burns, PEPP class, this fall and Pedi/ OB in August. Resuscitation Academy’s will be rolling out this summer.
- C) CVMC Update-Kristen Mixed feedback in changes on radio communication. Kristen will follow up with the charge nurses to get some feedback on their feelings around the changes. East Montpelier expressed challenges with cell phone coverage. Matt personally likes the new phone system. Active 911, Joe blessed it but IT @ CVMC is trying to help with a work around on their access. Crews are being put on hold for 3-4 minutes on occasion, Kristen will follow up with ED staff on who can take report. Kristen office # 802-371-4272 Cell: 603- Email: Montpelier experienced issues with no response when they have had to radio in. People are following what they have been asked, but phase two related to bedside reports still to come. We don’t need tons of education on the report, the ask is to be quiet and still during reports. Scott will connect w/ Kristen and there will be more to come. There is a place for education for some even if everyone does not need it. Matt suggests another number for Medical Control so that its easier to get through.

XIV. Old Business:

- a. A) Grant updates: Did apply for homeland security grant to replace the MCI trailer and supplies. It was for \$218,000. We anticipate hearing in the not-too-distant future, we did make it through the first cut. MPD, and CPD put in a request for monies for training. LT heard positive things about the grant. Matt brought up information on wintertime evacuations. 150 patient MCI capabilities.

XV. New Business

- A) Waiver request (Northfield) Currently collecting data for rook week from the last 5 years. They are seeking a potential waiver to transport non-severe injury to a staffed MD office (Green Mountain Family Practice) rather than tying up ED resources during that period. More information to come in June if the data supports it. Payment is part of the conversation as well. Fanny Allen is considered an ED so that allows for a transport to this facility. Check with some of the sky areas, they have clinics, once EMS is called, they transport to a facility, not to this clinic. This service could save self-insured money.

- B) Homeless- Homeless housing is closing soon in Barre, Montpelier, and Berlin. There will be pressure placed on the state to come up with a better solution. The future of this program is still tied up in legislation. There are many ideas being talked about, but nothing concrete.
- C) CIT course was well received. As we mature the EMS end, they are realized how important their response is. Team 2 is more beneficial for EMS at this point. Team 1 40 hours. Eventually PD will not be able to transport intoxicated patients in 2025. A new EMS provider would be lost in the program. The next round of trainings is anticipated in the fall. The EMS protocols and the PD Use of force keep getting further apart which is concerning. Vt rules do not require us to go into an unsafe situation. Call Medical Direction, and Document, Document, Document. Joe suggested we invite the barrack's commander and their mental health clinician to a meeting. Matt will bring this topic up the Washington County chief's meeting. He could invite them to the June meeting. Let's bring them to the June meeting.

XVI. Announcements for the Good of the Order: We are still accepting nominations for the VC award.

XVII. Adjournment: 2059 Scott, Jimmy Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2023, TBD

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