

# VERMONT EMS DISTRICT 6

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### October 10, 2023

I. Call to Order / VM Roll Call – Lawton Rutter 1805

In Person: Peter, LT, Howie, Scott, Meggan, Ellen, Maggie, Matt, Jimmy,

Online: Jenn, Laurie Beth, Kristen, Patty, James, Kaelee Bouleris

II. Approval of August Minutes Motion by Scott, second by Howie Motion carried so voted.

III. Treasurer's Report – Laurie Beth Putnam Motion by Peter, second by Matt Motion carried so voted.

IV. Agenda Items from the Board **Added under old and new business.**

V. Reports:

A) Medical Advisor – Ellen Stein NREMT Opens for March Recert ALS Providers need to get their skill sign offs in order.

1) I passed along the information about "Caring for people who use drugs: Best Practices for EMS". Stephen Murray from Boston Medical Center, Medic in recovery. Speaking at East Montpelier Fire Thursday 11/16 at 11:30, 11/16 Waterbury Fire 1800 43 S. Main Street Waterbury and streamed online, and 11/17 Barre City Auditorium 8:30am.

2) Skills Verification forms: TOs and HOS should check in with their providers to remind them that the forms will need to be completed before their NREMT recertification in March. They have 2 years to complete them. The forms can be found on the D6 Website.

3) First Aid for Animals will be 1800-2000 on 2/1 at CVMC Conference Room 1. Dr. Susan Kelly, Veterinarian will be running the hands-on session.

B) Training Coordinator- Scott Bagg 1 course in progress in MRVAS 15 students. Career Center course just started; Scott will touch base on that with Carl. VEFR class Norwich 11/11/23 \$75 open to anyone in the district taught by Scott and LT. NU EMT Course January 8 start potential for grant opportunities. Cap would be 32 students. Cost is \$1,250. Similar syllabus to previous years. Scott is the IC and Thomas Scott is assisting. Motion by Matt, second by Maggie. Motion carried so voted. Howie and Patty will connect offline about VEFR Follow up per Dr. Stein. Matt brought up an EMS focused Hazmat course offered by the state hazmat team. If there is any interest, please let Matt know Belin would be happy to host this course.

C) CVMC Update-Kristen uptick in cases where Ems is not giving appropriate reports to nursing staff. John Scott left CVMC, as the Emergency Coordinator his replacement started this week her name is Jennifer Lucas. No feedback on current handoff format. Volumes are very high in the ED. If the patient is settled into the room, it is ok to ask staff if you can give the handoff report so you can turn the truck over. 5 minutes is a reasonable "delay" Any Feedback on radio reports? Some services must use the radio, as the phones don't work. There is not always someone there to hear them. You should make reasonable attempts via phone or radio. Secretaries can not take report but can answer the phone.

VI. Old Business:

A) Siren Documentation-Scott met with VTEMS. Siren reports should be done by VEFRS and 1<sup>st</sup> response agencies but not require full data points if others have already begun patient care. Scott will be reaching out to the fast squads. Run Reports must be submitted in SIREN, so the CVMC has them in a timely manner. If there is a response from an EMS agency there should be a run report. Scott will follow up with Lori on the best way to get that in the system is Sharon cannot see. District 3 is working with Valcourt to link their reports, and SIREN reports. Scott will reach out to find out additional information on this. **Jimmy's and Matt's comments were inaudible in the records. Do we need to record his statements?**

## VII. New Business

- A) Are there local VEFR courses pending? **Covered in the TC Report**
- B) 7/1/24 Competencies for AEMT psychomotor testing is sunseting and will become competency based. 40 hours, 50 patient encounters with a spread across different pt cases/types. 25 must be live patient contacts. 30 hours must be in the ER in D6. The district 6 AEAMT course exceed requirements. Scott will share the D6 recommendations.
- C) VT EMS Survey Committee-” listening tour” 4 points which includes training. The Stakeholders meetings are our change to have our voices heard on what needs to be addressed by legislature. There will be a survey sent out to all EMS responders. There is not a lot of time for turnover. This must be ready for the January legislative session. Scott has the minutes from all the meetings. There will be services surveys as well as providers survey. Scott will be on service heads to complete their surveys until we have 100% completion from district 6. Budget, training, recruitment, retention are common themes. Not being recorded other than for minutes.
- D) VT EMS Protocols Committee- One of the key things that they are going to work on is EMS and Law enforcement challenges. Scott is chairing the medical section as well as procedures and airway. Updates are needed to the RSI programs. This work will run into early next year and then break during legislative sessions. Thes new protocols are at least 1 year out. Reach out to Scott if you have questions on what is being discussed for 2024 protocols. CPAP at the adult BLS level is a topic of discussion. Capnography will not be a BLS skill.
- E) Reminder to ask patients if they have tested positive for COVID. IF they have or are exposed, they should be masked.

VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Order: Matt would like to see the district do a tabletop MCI drill over the winter.

## IX. Adjournment: 1928

Next Meeting: December 12,2023, TBD

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