**VTEMS District 6 Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 10, 2019 @ 1900 hours**

**Board Room, CVMC**

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1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1902 by Mark Podgwaite. Members present: Joseph Aldsworth, Jared Blum, Matt Romei, Ty Roland, Howie McCausland, Marge Bower, Keith Taylor, LT Rutter, Mark Podgwaite, Scott Bagg, Laurie Beth Putnam, Jes Cullen, Sheila Brown. Virtual attendees: Gordon Murray, Chris LaMonda.
2. August meeting minutes amended to include Joseph Aldsworth present, approved with change. Howie/LT. October meeting minutes amended to include LT Rutter present, approved with change. LT/Jared.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Reports handed out. Laurie Beth went over reports. Question asked regarding income and expenses for testing. Scott and Laurie Beth will work on this, approved treasurer’s report pending audit. LT/Marge

IV. Agenda items added under New Business: Meetings; Wellness Conference; Trauma Alert/ED;

Training.

V. **Medical Advisor report:** Jared Blum, MD

* Reminder there is a District 6 Training on December 19th at 1930 hours at NERSA. Topic: Review of scenarios.

VI. **Training Coordinator:** Scott Bagg

* Scott noted that there are still a lot of responders that have not completed the mandatory Stroke assignment on CentreLearn. Please check with your people to see who still needs to complete. It is supposed to be completed by the end of December. If people are having trouble accessing their account, please call the state EMS office. Training officers can contact Scott and he will help you figure out how to see if your people have completed the course.
* Next District 6 Practical exam will be March 14th, 2020 at Northfield HS to allow MRVAS and Cabot EMT candidates to test. The following Practical exam date will be April 24th, 2020 at NU for NU EMT course students and CVCC’s EMT students. Also, for all those testing in 2020 and beyond, there will no longer be a long backboarding or KED station. Candidates will be required to pass 6 stations: Patient Assessment – Trauma; Patient Assessment – Medical; Cardiac Arrest; BVM Ventilation; Oxygen Administration; and then a random station which is one of the following: Long Bone Immobilization; Joint Immobilization; or Bleeding Control/Shock Management.

VII. **Old Business:**

1. EMS Advisory Committee: Working on education.
2. MCI Run card: Matt brought a proposal to the meeting tonight which closely resembles Hartford’s MCI plan. Handouts passed around and he explained how it would work. Appears most are in favor of the plan. Approved to have Matt go to other districts to talk about Ambulance Strike Teams and see how many would be on board. LT/Howie
3. District MCI Exercise – Things are progressing smoothly.
4. Transfer subcommittee – Tabled.
5. Protocol committee: Protocols gone to the legal department. Tentative roll out date of March with training to start in June. More to come.
6. Special Funds: Scott put together a 236 page document that was submitted to the state for funds. Reports it took dozens of hours to prepare. Should qualify for approximately $24,000.
7. PECC – Jamie Benson – not present, no updates yet. Mark sent out information for New England EMS for Children Conference information.

VIII. **New Business:**

1. Mark asked if people are stocking ambulances with supplies from CVMC free of charge?

Paramedic drugs are exchanged when patient is brought to their facility, initial cost is paid by

the service. AEMT medications are not exchanged, billed to the service via paperwork that

is completed when replacing medication for a patient brought to the facility. Seems to be some

confusion on what is actually happening. Jes, Scott, and Mark will look into this more so that

we are in compliance with OAIG.

2. Infant/Child QCPR manikins – Howie asked if there was any district interest in bulk ordering. It

is coming in the next year. Scott said that it could happen again if anyone is interested, the

district should be buying a couple for use.

3. District 6 Secretary position – Sheila wanted to let everyone know that they need to be looking

For someone to be taking over this position at the April meeting. She does not meet the

Requirement to hold the position. Asked if she would continue. At this time probably not.

4. First Responder Wellness Conference – LT said it was a good conference and really brought

to light the mental health of First Responders and lack of appropriate services. EAP-First

hasn’t been helpful to the few who have tried it. Needs to be something in our district for our

responders and peer-to-peer help.

5. Meeting start time: Anyone interested in changing the meeting start time to 6 pm instead of 7

7 pm? Some said it would be difficult for them to get here for a 6 pm meeting. Tabled.

6. Training Opportunity: Joe received grant money for training 15 Fire/EMS personnel in joint

training with police. He will keep us posted. If anyone interested please contact him.

7. Matt asked if anyone interested in doing a TCCC training course. Joe and Matt can set

one up and let us know details.

8. Trauma Alert/ED: Keith is working with Murphy, ED RN on training the ED staff how to be

ready for incoming trauma patients. Would like the district to get onboard with this and work

together to call in trauma alerts (just like we do with STEMI/SEPSIS/STROKE alerts coming

in to the ED.

IX. **Announcements and Good of the Order:**

1. Peter Munsell, retired BTEMS CCP passed away this evening at 1930. Moment of silence was

held in his remembrance.

X. Meeting adjourned at 2054.

Respectfully submitted;

Sheila L. Brown, Secretary

Next meeting: February 11, 2019.