

# VERMONT EMS DISTRICT 6

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 11, 2022

- I. Call to Order / VM Roll Call – Mark Podgwaite In Person: Mark Podgwaite, Matt Romei, Scott Bagg, Ellen Stein. **Guests: Mark Galee, Sonny Pravato (VCFRW)**  
Online: Howie McCausland, Kaiden Giroux, Laurie Beth, Peter Fitz, Marge Bower, Lawton Rutter, Joe Aldsworth.
- II. Approval of August Minutes Howie, Scott. **Dr. Ellen Stein was added to attendees for the August Meeting.** Motion carried w/ addition of Dr. Stein.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Beth Putnam Reports were sent. Discussion about \$6000 line item. This is State of Vt Grant for the summer EMT Course. Training bill pd. \$2500. She is finishing the paperwork for the summer EMT class. Matt, Dr. Stein. Motion carried.
- IV. Agenda Items from the Board **Vermont Center for Responder Wellness**
- V. Reports:
  - A) Medical Advisor – Ellen Stein **Skills Verification** discussion took place. Training officers must sign off on AEMT, or Paramedic skills verification before Dr. Stein will sign off on recertification. If Siren is used properly, it’s easy to review. AEMTs can be signed off by TO, and HOS. Paramedics with need to be “in front” of Dr. Stein for Crycs and Needle Decompressions other skills will be “approved” by TO, and HOS. Medic SIM lab moved to 11/8 @ UVMMC. Some great saves in the district since the previous district meeting. Scott is reaching out to NU to connect with the new person that oversees the Sim Lab there. Surgical airway training dates to be determined.
  - B) Training Coordinator- Scott Bagg **Recap Summer EMT** was given, 11 made it to the end of the course. 10 passed practical exams. These types of courses do not support the students. There is not a recommendation to hold another course like this in the future. There may be a “middle ground” course that may be requested in the future. AEMT course in night #3. 19 students, 18 from Vt. 18 of them are qualified for VT EMS Funds which reduces cost to individuals /services. Mad River EMT course under way. October exam was held at NERSA. No update for Central Vermont course. ISIM questions were answered with resounding NO’s. Scott followed up with Dark Simulator due to cost being significantly. We got 3 Sim Manikins coming for the district with significant cost savings to the district. Scott is ordering supplies to set up station bags like D3’s set up. Identified areas of opportunity in our Stroke Responses. Scott is putting together a training for this. This will be placed on Vector for EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics completed by 1/1/23. New Protocols are expected by 11/1/2022 as well. There may be a need for paramedic equipment at the district level and will be reviewed in the future. Any service can use district equipment if scheduled with Scott. EMS Leadership course coming at the end of October. Critical Care Medic course at HealthNet is Full
  - C) CVMC Update- Scott gave report from Kristen. She is helping the team through staffing shortages, but please reach out to her by email if you have anything from her. She does not have any updates currently. Let ED techs know if there is anything that EMS needs from us. Strokes are being monitored closely by Scott as Stroke Coordinator.
- VI. Old Business:
  - A) Radio System **We have made it through the 1<sup>st</sup> round of awards for radio funding.** They have invited us back to apply for the remaining funds.
  - B) District Round Table **It would be good to have someone outside the district come in and do a project on patient care and responses.** This would be great evaluate the “state of EMS” in district 6. Dr. Stein would put together a proposal to bring forward by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Award of business students wouldn’t be until next spring. Motion by Matt, Second by Joe. Motion Carried. Should show daytime impacts, stresses, demographics.
  - C) MCI Plan **District 3 meeting did not occur.** District 5 meeting occurred in Danville. There was a feeling that the State should be heading this. Dan Batsie was promoted, so this will have an impact. If we wait for the State of Vermont, it could be a long time before there is a resolution so we should think about what we can do in the meantime. We need a tabletop on a smaller scale. Matt has the grant paperwork for the Go Bags ready.

Howie will send information to Mark to be redistributed. We only have internal discussions about district 4.

VII. New Business

- A) Nursing Handoff EMS needs to be able to have handoffs timelier. Please reach out to Kristen for concerns or provide shout-outs.
- B) Pharmacy Meds and Pyxis- Tabled Go live isn't happening this week but is happening urgently. With the updated system, there will be monthly invoices to services in November.
- C) Opioid Grant A grant has been submitted, we should have an update in a month or two. 4-hour week position to fund an EMS Liaison position back in the ED. Ellen, was asked to inquire with CVMC if we win the grant to match the 4 hours.
- D) Recreational Trails- Matt Romei There are a lot of open trails in the district, and ore are being opened. There is a lot of places that are being used that we don't have resources to support in all areas. Services should review the maps, and create a "plan" to provide services to patients h
- E) **Vermont Center for Responder Wellness-** Discussion about the services that this organization offers. They received grant funds to provider services to front line responders. The law has recently changed, which helps improves the accessibility to their services for front line responders. Services are not related strictly to call related concerns. They offer a wide service line including psychotherapy, meditation, emergency resilience and CISD. They have no current existing relationship with Vt. EMS office. Dr. Stein would like peer support in the district at a minimum.  
**Radio Working Group-** Not much of an update. We need to decide on how to proceed. Why duplicate work already done by the fire service? Can we add specific EMS related items that the current document is missing? Scott will share his recommendations with Joe, Lt, and Mark. Then it can be shared w/ Chief Dillon. Matt requested this be shared with all the board members.

VIII. Announcements for the Good of the Order:

IX. Adjournment: 20:55

Next Meeting: December 13, 2022, TBD

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