

Leadership Call – December 5, 2019

Staff present: Chelsea Dubie, Dan Batsie (on the phone), Dan Wolfson, Merrill Pine

Data Update - Chelsea Dubie

- Internet Explorer (IE) will no longer be supported in SIREN Elite or Elite Field beginning the first of the year. ImageTrend will push out an update. Chrome is the preferred browser. Contact Chelsea with concerns.
- Couple new fields have been added by ImageTrend (homeless is one). These have not yet been added to VT yet.
- ImageTrend has also added a substance abuse grid. Again, VT hasn't added it yet.
- There was a discussion about documenting destination hospital when diverting from a primary hospital. After research, Chelsea noted that the destination hospital name is a required field on the run form. However, the reason for choosing a hospital destination is not required.

EMSC – Merrill Pine

- Just a reminder that any region or service that is interested in hosting a pediatric resuscitation class can contact Keith Hermiz at khermiz@gmail.com or by cell at 802-952-9593.
- New England EMSC will host the [Foundations of Pediatric Preparedness](#) conference in Waltham, MA on Monday, March 9, 2020. Registration is open. This year's focus will be on safe handoffs, critical debriefing and simulation.
- An EMSC survey will open on January 7, 2020. Heads of service will receive an email soon.
- Hoping to recognize services for pediatric readiness in May.

Medical Director Update - Dan Wolfson

- Keith Hermiz has the support to do both Pediatric Resuscitation Academies and also regular High-Performance CPR programs.
- Hot Topics in Cardiac Resuscitation conference will again be held at Loon Mountain, NH on May 28/29. Topics will be different than last year, for those who attended.
- CARES – in the 2020 protocol update, high-performance CPR will replace the cardiac arrest protocol. If an agency has not yet done the Resuscitation Academy, please contact Chris McCarthy at cmccarthy@vabir.org or by cell at 802-598-0121 and arrange to take it soon. It is a fully-funded course, 3-4 hours in length.
- Early spring rollout still planned for the protocols and will include the standard 3-month training window.
 - Biggest single change is to the stroke protocol. VT has always done the Cincinnati stroke scale, which resulted in quicker TPA administration. Because several hospitals in our region (Albany, Bay State, Dartmouth and UVMHC) can now do endovascular thrombectomy procedures to pull out a clot, VT and several other NE states are adding FAST-ED stroke severity score for triage and more appropriate destination determination.
 - Dr. Suozzi from NH shared information that Masimo LP15 monitors have been experiencing trouble. The oxygen probes fail and oxygen sat levels are not being properly recorded. Bill Mapes shared that it's the plug/unplug actions that cause the issue. Replacing the cords and storing them in a figure 8 helps, as well as not cleaning them with harsh chemicals.

General - Dan Batsie

- Second round of interviews for the state training coordinator will be held next week.

- Still a couple of districts holding out on completing special fund paperwork. Contracts need to be signed and sent back, followed by the submission of invoices.
- Anyone interested in helping to plan the 2020 conference is welcome to reach out to Dan Batsie. Contract is just being finalized with All Clear, after which a venue will be selected.
- First Responder Wellness Conference is on December 9 from 8:30-4:30.
<https://www.vlct.org/training-events>
- The EMS Advisory committee will meet December 11 in Brattleboro to put the finishing touches on the legislative report. A very short survey went out on Tuesday regarding the health of VT EMS and hiring rates.

Adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Thank you!