

EMS Leadership Conference Call  
Friday, November 4, 2011 - 9 a.m.

Attendees: Chris Bell, Wayne Misselbeck, Donna Jacob, John Vose, Chris McCarthy, Jim Finger, Mark Podgwaite, Mike Paradis, Bobby Maynard, Dave Fuller, Pat O'Brien (PFFV), Mark Considine

Staffing updates

- About to offer the EMS-C position to a candidate
- Data Manager position is awaiting final approval and will be posted within the next week
- Deputy Director position still posted and more ads have been placed nationally
- Training Coordinator position is still in the process of being reviewed

Work Groups

- IFT meets at 10 a.m. today
- Education Transition – tentative progress has been made and a next meeting date will be set soon.

Credentialing

Chris sought guidance from the group with regard to credentialing. He wondered about a provider functioning in multiple districts and whether questions about clinical proficiency were shared between districts.

Mike Paradis said he didn't believe folks freely shared information about providers between districts, or even squads. Chris said he'd noted this seemed typical but wondered if it was ideal. Paradis said he believed there should be sharing. He said in the past it has been hard to get a history on potential employees.

John Vose said he felt sharing was important, particularly if a provider is not performing correctly in a given district or service. The group seemed in agreement that care issues were more important to share than absenteeism or uniform issues.

Chris asked whether the state should serve as a clearinghouse, with all clinical concerns funneling through the office. He also wondered about an employment process that would require an employee to seek a former employer's signature. He also wondered whether concerns would have to rise to a certain level before Vermont EMS would get involved. John Vose asked if the state is notified when a DMA restricts access. Chris said that is usually not the case; notification is sporadic.

Mike Paradis suggested the possibility of sending a form to the state to check a potential employee's status.

Tom Goddard said that District 13 was drafting a proposal and said he could provide it to the group within the next quarter for review. Everyone agreed.

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John Vose asked if it was feasible to create a list of folks with actions against their license. Chris said he believed some of that information is public, saying perhaps such a list could be posted on the website. He noted that he would have to take a tolerance reading throughout the state. Some states publish or post lists; others have searchable sites. Chris thought that perhaps a database might be a good option; John Vose thought this might be viewed as less punitive than posted to the website.

It was also noted that perhaps information could be shared by email or during the leadership calls.

### Other Business

#### Inspection Stickers

Mark Considine asked about vehicle stickering, and wondered how vehicle inspections will be done under the new system of credentialing. Chris said he would look into the topic.

#### Laptops/SIREN

Grant funding for a tough book for each transporting service is still pending. Chris said it's unknown if the funds covering the one-time initiation fee and perhaps the first year for Field Bridge would also be awarded. No annual support for Field Bridge will be funded.

#### Different Meeting Day

Mike Paradis asked if meeting could be moved off the first Friday of the month; Tuesdays through Thursdays worked best. Morning calls are fine.

#### Board of Health Meeting

If license renewals haven't been received by November 14, they will not be presented to the Board of Health meeting on November 18. Letters can be issued if necessary, due to the delay in mailing.

Group adjourned at 9:40 a.m.