

VT EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES January 20, 2021

In attendance:

Drew Hazelton

Will Moran

Leonard Snell

Mark Podgwaite

Jim Finger

Gwynn Zakov

Eli Rickner

Alan Beebe

Mark Considine

Charlene Phelps

Inge Luce-Smith

Brad Reed

Ellen Stein

Bobby Maynard

Adam Heuslein

Ray Walker

Roger Gosselin

Dan Batsie

Legislative Report – not yet submitted, still inputting the final data and will send out final draft soon.

EMS Education Committee

- They are having discussions on the portfolio-based evaluation program: standards, accountability, documentation. They are looking at other state's models, an intern will be doing this research.
- Instructor Coordinator levels. The committee is looking for some input from current ICs around the state. The State office is currently conducting interviews for the Training Director position, this position will be valuable in the work being done with this topic. It isn't expected that testing will be fully eliminated, initially this will likely be a pilot project to do some trials and come up with some standards.
- Pat Malone introduced Eli Rickner as an intern that will work with the EMS Advisory Committee under Drew

COVID Situational Update

- currently we are in a surge, community transmission is not slowing down.
- 30,000 vaccines have been deployed, phase 1A is nearly complete. Let EMS office know if your service has not had access to the vaccine.
- next phase – 75+ age band, EMS will be utilized for staffing clinics, initially planning on 2 clinics per district per week. EMS agencies have been contracted, each clinic will need 4 vaccinators, they will be open next week.
- clinics will be limited by number of vaccines received from Federal Vaccine supply
- Second part: Home-bound patients (75 and older and not able to get to a clinic)– some home health agencies are identifying these people, and some will be vaccinating their patients, others do not have the capacity and EMS will be vaccinating these patients
- High need in Windham County and Essex and Calendonias Counties – Rescue Inc and Calex will be providing vaccines at home in these communities.

Minutes from December 16, 2020 approved

Next Meeting Wednesday February 17 at 1:00 pm