

EMS Leadership Call Summary – January 8, 2020

Staff Present: Merrill Pine, Dan Batsie, Ray Walker

Training Update – Ray Walker

- EMR license expiration date has passed. Reach out to Ray with issues.
- Renewal reminders are out for folks who expire on June 30th. Added a component about NCCP program to help clarify requirements, explaining that a certain of hours are set aside for districts and agencies to pick specific topics....area or service-specific items.
- Just a reminder: VT EMS will cover the cost of individuals wishing to renew their National Registry via examination. Either email the application confirmation id number or request “bill to home state” from National Registry account.
- Reminder that regional meeting is Thursday, UVMCM Davis Auditorium at 6 p.m. Protocols will be one topic as well as face time with staff to raise questions, concerns and ideas. Look forward to seeing you there.

Licensing System – Ray Walker/Dan Batsie

- Targeting April 1st. Tremendously complex project and will be well worth the effort. Many reasons for delays, but the system needs to be right before it’s rolled out.

Data – Dan Batsie for Chelsea Dubie

Chelsea is working from home with a sick child. We’ll get her updates next time around.

EMS for Children – Merrill Pine

- EMS-C survey opened yesterday, despite some technical difficulties. Thanks to the agencies who have already responded. Please reach out with questions/concerns.
- EMS for Children New England will host a conference in March in Massachusetts. Lots of great training opportunities to bring back information and skills to services.
- Pedi Safe recognition system moving forward. Hoping to have info out in February. Goal to recognize agencies in May for EMS week.
- At the 2019 EMS conference, we kicked off a human trafficking awareness initiative. Four (4) trainings are scheduled and Merrill will get dates and locations out soon.

Medical Director Update – Dan Batsie for Dan Wolfson

- Dan Wolfson is networking at the NAEMS-P conference.
- Protocols are moving ahead at a rapid pace. One issue we’re working on is how to do a couple of scope of practice updates. For example, splinting has been brought down to EMR scope of practice level. While this is a good thing, splinting involves risk and is tested at the EMT level. The challenge is how do we update and train the approximate 250 existing EMRs in a skill that is primarily didactic/psychomotor and will likely be tested in one method or another in the future. One option is transition model, including a period of training time before going live.
- Protocol updates will most likely be a CentreLearn product, and efforts are being made to make the education level-specific. No date yet, but we are hard at work. Please plan time in the spring for training for your folks.
 - Jim Finger – Will the protocol updates involve classroom training or CentreLearn? Dan B – looks right now like the standard protocol update will be on CentreLearn, and could be

- viewed individually or as a group. Little premature to say, but that's the most likely scenario. Skills like splinting will more likely be a train-the-trainer model. Could also involve EMRs in a splinting session of an ongoing EMT class and sign them off that way.
- Sue Poirier – Has an ongoing EMR class...is it ok to include splinting in this class? Dan B – absolutely! Going to be important to do that in the future. And could be included in the NR exam in the future. If the students graduate their EMR class before the protocols roll out, however, they'll have to wait to use their skills till the protocols are out. Juggling act.

General Updates – Dan Batsie

- **Training Administrator:**
 - A formal offer has been made, and we are awaiting the result of negotiations.
- **Special Fund:**
 - Only 2 districts have not completed paperwork, and we will be chasing you down in the next couple of weeks to offer guidance and assistance as necessary.
 - Districts 4 and 2 have raised questions about funding--both of your districts are in progress and I'll catch up with you specifically.
 - If contracts have been approved, send in your invoices.
- **Conference 2020:**
 - Conference planning about to kick off. RFP for 2021 and 2022 (who will run conference) will be launched in the next month or so. Soliciting bids for groups that want to help run the conference.
- **EM Track Training:**
 - An email went out to many a couple weeks ago regarding a system we use with the hospital coalition. EM Track is an integrated data platform that offers a range of abilities, such as bed counts, patient tracking, etc. The system also has an EMS component and is used across the country to help plan large scale events. People use it to plan events (Boston Marathon) and agencies use it to respond to MCIs. VT has never utilized the platform in an EMS capacity but we'd like to see if it's something that would be meaningful. If someone is interested in event planning or large event response and would like training, we're offering training on 3/9 or 3/10. This will be a no-cost, all-day training and we will do our best to make it geographically convenient. Reach out to Dan if interested.

Questions?

Sue Poirier – I understand there is a Senate committee meeting today at 1 p.m.? Drew Hazelton and Paul Ethier are attending. Dan Batsie – this is the presentation of EMS Advisory committee's 2019 report. Also, there may be a discussion of a funding bill that would assist EMS training in the state of VT. Haven't seen draft; only heard rumors. EMS Advisory committee did recommend a more dedicated funding stream toward training with preference to underserved areas and volunteers. We've provided information as legislative members have reached out. Our office was not invited to that testimony. Seems to be legislative interest for EMS. Sue – how will we hear? Dan - If a bill comes to life, we'll share the information. Nothing on the table at this time.

Adjourned 11:26 a.m.