

EMS Leadership Call Minutes
3/7/2019

Attendance: Dan Batsie, Dan Wolfson, Ray Walker, Merrill Pine, Donna Jacob

Training – Dan B.

- State Training Coordinator position posting has netted a good group of 7 applicants. Interviews will begin soon. Everyone's patience is appreciated.

Licensing – Ray

- License Renewals
 - EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics should be thinking about renewals coming up in June. Anyone interested in renewing their National Registry via exam can have their exam cost paid for by Vermont EMS. Choose bill to home state or send your application number to us.
 - I/C continuing education – the I/C application will be updated. In the meantime, include course completion information for courses that have been taken, or a note from the institution where you took the course.

Data – Chelsea

- Hired second Assistant Data Manager, Emily Fisher, to assist Chelsea and Tom. Emily runs with Cambridge Rescue.
- Please send requests for help/assistance to SIREN@vermont.gov
- Chelsea will be out on maternity leave from April to July.
- Dan Batsie noted that there are many projects currently up in the air, including a data integrity project between EMS and hospital records, performance measures, data standards (guidance for providers on how to document correctly), and more.

EMSC – Merrill

- EMSC Advisory Group will meet at the end of March
- Plans for a Safety Course are under way.
- Anyone interested in helping with any EMSC projects, please reach out to Merrill.

Medical Director – Dan W.

- Protocol Work Group
 - Deep into 2020 protocol work, with the most recent meeting yesterday (March 6). Awesome conversations, research and collaboration are making for outstanding progress.
 - There are several meetings in April to gather more information, including a DMA meeting as well as regional meetings (4/8 at CALEX Ambulance). Please attend and make protocol input. At each of the regional meetings, time will be set aside for that purpose.
- CARES/VTACHR Project
 - Save the dates of May 30&31 for Hot Topics in Cardiac Resuscitation, to be held at Loon Mountain in NH. This conference is a combined effort between NH, VT and Maine.
 - Prescott continues work on obtaining quality hospital data for the CARES project.

- Dan Batsie noted that as always, medical control issues should be directed to Dr. Wolfson. He also urged folks to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in the protocol updates.

General EMS Team Updates – Dan B.

- Special Fund
 - VDH Business Office is rolling out the grant materials now. A set of very specific instructions and structured process are being developed. This next round of grants will be back-dated to the end of the previous grants and are being rolled out district by district.
- I/C Regional Meetings
 - I/C exam representative meeting planned for April 2 at Calex is on hold because 2 co-instructors cancelled. Looking for alternate instructors before sending out the itinerary.
 - There are also I/C trainings on April 19 in the Brattleboro/Putney area and one up north later in the spring. The intent is to meet more regularly and regionally.
 - Mark Podgwaite asked if it was possible to hold I/C exam rep meetings on weekends. Dan Batsie noted that the venue had suggested a weekday for their educators, but staff will look at rotating meeting locations and mixing up times/days of the week in the future.
- EMS Under the Dome
 - March 15, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Room at the Statehouse. The theme this year is the cost of EMS in Vermont. Five posters will be presented, documenting various issues such as Medicare/Medicaid, loaded mile reimbursement model, dual role departments, volunteers in VT and more. Please attend...and attend in uniform. If you know legislators, let them know. All legislators will be hand-invited.
- EMS Conference
 - Most likely the last week in October and most likely in Burlington. More information to follow.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 a.m.