

## **EMS Advisory Committee Minutes**

May 14, 2014

Attending: Chris Bell, Mike Leyden, Ray Walker, Jess Freire, John Vose, Bill Hathaway, Scott Brinkman (for Kate Soons), Ben O'Brien, Seth Lasker, Deb Bach, Steve Jeffrey, Pat Malone, Randy Terk, Jim Finger

### **Changes to Previous Minutes**

- E911 web link in February 19 minutes is incorrect.
- Ben O'Brien and Bill Hathaway need to be updated on the Committee's contact list.

### **EMS Plans for towns**

- The term "EMS Plan" has yet to be defined by the group. Does a local emergency operations plan cover what would be contained in an EMS plan?
- Emily Harris (DEMHS) provided Chris Bell highlights and compliance information for local emergency plans:
  - Law requiring annual submission of basic emergency operations plans went into effect in the mid 1990's. Emily estimates a 25% compliance, with 25 of the 251 towns never having filed anything.
  - Local EOPs consist basically of a contact list (roles and responsibilities).
  - No incentive to file if grant funding is not being sought.
- Similar plans are not required for police or fire coverage of VT towns.
- The Committee will recommend not requiring EMS plans to the legislature. Steve Jeffrey will draft and circulate the recommendation. Alternative position statements or comments are welcomed.

### **FF Rehab and IFT Workgroup Update**

- Draft FF Rehab and Interfacility Transport guidelines were issued last week and comments are due by June 1, 2014. Rehab guidelines were sent to heads of service and DMAs; IFT guidelines also included ED directors.
- The IFT Workgroup put together a spreadsheet showing CCP skills that Vermont will endorse, as well as additional items only available under waiver conditions. Process has been very patient-driven.

- The scope of VT CCP is currently defined in EMS rule. Once rulemaking is opened, the language may be broadened to be less prescriptive.

### **Credentialing Update**

- Minimum standards for credentialing will be established in EMS rule to ensure ongoing clinical competence. Development is still ongoing.

### **Legislative Update**

- House Bill #681 pertains to veterans, service members and spouses of service members and addresses every kind of professional licensing. The Office of Professional Regulation and other regulatory bodies need to make a number of changes. For EMS, it means obtaining and maintaining National Registry. Members deployed less than 2 years will be required to complete existing CE requirements. National Registry will accommodate members with additional time. Members deployed more than 2 years will be required to retain National Registry. The purpose for the changes is to reflect skill competency. Procedures must be established in rule before July 1, 2015.
- The topic of EMS District insurance never moved from the session where it was discussed.

### **Training Update**

- **Special fund:**
  - Districts are in varying stages of submitting insurance or invoicing for funds.
  - If districts opt not to spend their training funds, arrangements will be made to use the funds for regional training.
- **SALT Triage Tags:**
  - Being purchased with PHEP grant funds and will be mailed from the office with a cover letter:
 

▪ Each transporting vehicle (ambulance) within VT	20 tags
▪ First responder agencies	40 tags
▪ Each of the 15 MCI trailers	40 tags
- **Centrelearn Update**
  - LearnEMS platform was launched at 11 a.m. today. Over 2,100 emails were issued, containing login, password and new URL information.
  - One software error is that team leaders only have user privileges. Will be corrected by the end of the week.
  - In June, Jess will provide WebEx training for users and training officers.
  - As of March 2014, over 2,100 of Vermont's 2,800 providers have actively used the platform, and have completed over 10,600 CE hours. Incredible value for the amount of money spent...\$1-2 per certificate.
- **Instructor/Coordinator**

- Ideas for I/C CE and training are under development and a workgroup will focus on planning. May be included in EMS Conference.

#### **SIREN Update (Mike Leyden)**

- SIREN will transition in October 2014 from NEMESIS Version 2 to 3, and from ICD9 to 10. Implications for ImageTrend, SIREN, the data dictionary and 3<sup>rd</sup> party users.

#### **EMS Conference**

- Dates for this year's conference are October 14-19. Still in contracting process and will be announced once finalized. Call for speakers out soon.

#### **Next Meeting**

- September 17, 2014 from 1 - 3 p.m.