

In attendance: Dan Batsie, Ray Walker, Lindsey Simpson, and Chelsea Dubie

- I. Training Update – Lindsey Simpson
 - a. Credentialing – Held first credentialing seminar in Middlebury yesterday with 9 attendees and lots of positive feedback. Seven more seminars to go...and the details are listed on the calendar section of the website.
 - b. Psychomotor exam changes – Still awaiting a larger exam to do the second pilot of randomized exams skills. It will depend on exam participant numbers but could occur in March.
 - c. IC class will be held in Putney on Feb 23-25 and March 24-25. Already received 30 emails from interested individuals. If you are interested or know of folks who are, ask them to send an email as well as a district endorsement letter.
- II. Data Update – Chelsea Dubie
 - a. Nearing the end of development of an electronic 10-93 non-transport form as well as an advanced spinal assessment worksheet. Both projects are awaiting final approval.
 - b. Chelsea is also working on instructions for report writer in SIREN, so that those people with permissions could create their own data reports. She thanked folks for submitting data requests.
 - c. Working with IT staff to create an interactive data dashboard on the website as well as looking at EMS data and how it applies to retention. Both projects are in the beginning stages.
 - d. Lindsey and Chelsea held a documentation/SIREN educational event in Orleans the other night and had great representation in District 2. More to follow.
- III. EMS-C Update – Dan Batsie for Kari Hancock
 - a. Surveys will be forthcoming regarding grant-funded initiatives.
 - b. The office is currently looking at the Broselow-based section of the protocols and will be updating that section based on a guide currently in use by another state. More to come.
- IV. Licensing Operations Update – Ray Walker
 - a. The Safety Survey is still in development. Ray explained that funding last year from the Governor's Highway Safety Program has allowed for the position of an EMS Occupant Protection Coordinator, Steve DeVoe. Steve has become an ambassador for a culture of safety in EMS and will address everything from safe vehicle operations/driver training to positive safety attitudes. These could include use of protective equipment, addressing

fatigue, and creating a culture where providers feel free to speak up if they perceive a problem with patient care or if they have made an error. It is hoped that this culture will result in fewer errors, better patient outcomes, and will positively affect the retention of staff. Please take the surveys seriously when they are released.

- V. Medical Director Update – Dan Batsie for Dr. Daniel Wolfson
 - a. Protocol Roll out schedule – An email regarding the 2018 draft EMS Protocols was sent out on 12/22 and the protocols are posted on the EMS website (www.vermontems.org).
 - i. Comments closed Feb 1 – First revision meeting was held 1/31 and thoughtful consideration is being given to all of the comments received. Dan thanked everyone who provided feedback.
 - ii. Ongoing plan – Targeting March 1st but could be April 1st. Once the protocols are published, that would begin the 90-day training window. Services whose personnel are trained (apart from those who might be on extended leave or deployed) would be able to implement the new protocols; all services would be required to implement the protocols within 90 days of release.

- VI. CARES/VTACHR Update – Dan Batsie for Dr. Daniel Wolfson
 - a. March 17 Resuscitation Academy – The creators of this program will be visiting from Seattle. Enrollment is currently open, and Dan encouraged providers and stakeholders to attend and learn more about this exciting program.
 - b. Sarah Lamb has accepted another position and will be leaving the EMS team. She has been providing data expertise to the CARES/VTACHR projects. If anyone has a mind for data and is interested, reach out to Dan.

- VII. General – Dan Batsie
 - a. District 2 Update – The EMS Office staff has been intimately involved in the situation that is unfolding in Derby, after their Selectboard voted to cease funding Derby Line Ambulance. Work continues with stakeholders. Derby has contracted with Newport Ambulance Service, who have altered schedules and secured extra employees to adjust to the additional coverage areas. Holland and Morgan have challenging coverage areas, but no calls will go unanswered and the office will continue involvement in the situation.
 - b. 2018 Strategic Planning – February 16 has been set aside for an off-site strategic planning meeting and a facilitator has been hired. In that vein, he asked that the group let him know of any feedback, thoughts or ideas that could be used to aid in this process.
 - c. Conference Review/Planning – The 2018 conference will be held from October 17-October 21 at Jay Peak. Planning has begun and input regarding the conference structure, topics or speaker suggestions should be submitted to the office.

- d. MCI Meetings – The last of three stakeholder meetings has just been concluded. Dan thanked the participants and the host sites. The information gathered will now be processed and Dan said it is his goal to get efforts underway sometime this summer. He also noted that a focus group/steering committee will likely be formed, saying he already has in mind a couple of key folks who attended all the meetings. He welcomes anyone interested in participating to reach out, saying that a more formal invitation will be sent out soon.

- e. EMS Week – Dan Batsie
 - i. Celebration Plans – It is the hope that there will again be some type of event in Montpelier in conjunction with EMS Week this year. In 2017, the awards were presented “out and about” in such a manner that recipient’s peers, stakeholders and local government leadership could also participate. Dan said he had a sense that this was well-received and he felt this might be a worthwhile tradition to continue. He asked that folks with opinions in this regard please direct them to him.

No other topics were raised.

Dan Batsie thanked all for participating, urged continued involvement and feedback, and thanked folks for their participation.