VT EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 4, 2020

In attendance:
Drew Hazelton
Pat Malone
Charlene Phelps
Leonard Snell
Brad Reed
Jim Finger
Alan Beebee
Mark Considine
Michael O’Keefe
Ray Walker
Mark Podgwaite
Dan Batsie
Adam Heuslein

*EMS Education

- review process being established to select an online course – a team of reviewers has been selected

Components they will be looking for in a course:

- ability to take up to 100 EMT students – and have didactic and cognitive portions completed online

- At the end of the online portion that course would work with local VT educators as part of at least 4 smaller groups throughout the state to complete practical, clinical, and psychomotor

- Looking to make a decision by end of May

- Students will pay for books

- Pat Malone makes motion for Drew Hazelton as Chair of the Advisory committee to write a letter to the Governor, Agency of Human Services head, and the Commissioner requesting some restrictions be lifted in regard to EMS training. Mark Podgwaite seconds. Motion passes

- The group requests that the review group shares the vendor proposals to the advisory group

- Dan Batsie confirmed there is $378,000 in the Special Funds. There are contracts out that are being signed, so likely closer to $300,000. Replenished by approx. $150,000 in January of each year

- Jim Finger asked for more information on how to put in for the Special funds while classes are not going on. Dan Batsie will follow up on this.

*Strike Team

- Deployable list of participating agencies that could be requested to respond to areas that lost operational ability due to a crisis

- participating agency would be reimbursed by the state

- would likely be a BLS request

- similar to federal contract on a state scale

- Send Dan Batsie any questions or feedback