

EMS Leadership Call Minutes 2/7/2019

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

Dan Batsie introduced Merrill Pine, our new EMS for Children's Program Manager.

Training – Dan B.

- State Training Coordinator position advertisements have netted several applications. The job has been reposted and closes on 2/15. Hoping to begin interviews once the position post closes.

Licensing – Ray

- License Renewals
 - EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics should be thinking about renewals coming up in June.
 - VDH EMS Office has sent out reminders about license renewals to those expiring.
 - The office will soon begin to do background checks in both the Adult Abuse Registry and the Child Protection Registry. These will be done on all course enrollments, and license applications. Ray reminded agencies that even drivers and other non-licensed helpers should be run through these background checks, and asked services to reach out for help.

Data – Chelsea

- Assistant Data Manager
 - Introduced new Assistant Data Manager, Thomas Hoodiman, during the previous call. He'll be helping with responses to requests.
 - Chelsea will be out on maternity leave from April to July.
 - Encouraging providers to utilize the SIREN@vermont.gov email address instead of emailing Chelsea directly.
 - Couple ongoing SIREN projects include instructional videos and FAQs for the SIREN website and finalizing 2018 data briefs.

EMSC – Dan B.

- Interviews
 - Introduced Merrill Pine.

Medical Director – Dan W.

- Dan reminded providers that we live in Vermont and hypothermia is a real threat. Patients are not to be considered dead until warm and dead—do not declare in the field.
- Protocol Work Group
 - Great protocol workgroup meeting on February 6th—excellent input and a great job working as a team to make the protocols stronger. If someone is not serving on the workgroup but has input, please reach out to Dan Wolfson via phone or email.
 - There are other ways to get involved with protocol input, including at the monthly regional meetings where EMS staff will set aside time at the end of each meeting to discuss protocols.

- CARES/VTACHR Project
 - High performance CPR (HPCPR) is going well. And survival rates are improving with its use.
 - Agencies need to attend a Resuscitation Academy (RA) in order to use HPCPR.
 - Once the training is done through the RA, crews need to keep practicing it to keep up with the skills.

General EMS Team Updates – Dan B.

- Opioid Data Project
 - Hoping to announce a part-time position to assist with opioid data soon.
- Special Fund
 - VDH Business Office is rolling out the grant materials now. We should know more soon.
- Northern New England State of the Science Resuscitation Conference
 - To be held May 30-31, 2019 at Loon Mountain. This conference will be affordable and will represent big name speakers, including 2 of the HP CPR creators from Seattle.
 - It will afford an in-depth look at the science behind CPR, IV vs. IO, cardiac medications, mechanical compression devices, and much more. Day 2 will consist of hands-on workshops, such as how to QA a call, tearing apart a rhythm strip, etc.
 - Conference will start late on May 30 and end early on May 31. This is a cooperative event with Maine and NH.
- IC and Exam Rep Meeting
 - No IC/Exam Rep meeting was held, but there will be one in March at CALEX and one in southern Vermont in April.
- EMS Under the Dome
 - March 15, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Room at the Statehouse. The theme this year is the cost of EMS in Vermont. Looking for volunteers to make presentations on reimbursement, agency model costs, etc.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 a.m.