

# Vermont Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 3, 2025

**Location:** Alumni Hall, Barre (VT), & Microsoft Teams

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:16 PM by Drew Hazelton

### Rollcall – Committee Members

Representative	Attendance	Representative	Attendance
<b>District 1</b>		<b>District 2</b>	
Kathy Jochim	Present	Adam Heuslein	Present
		Samantha Atwood	
<b>District 3</b>		<b>District 4</b>	
Leslie Lindquist		Scott Brinkman	
Becky Alemy	Present	Jeff Johansen	
<b>District 5</b>		<b>District 6</b>	
		Joe Aldsworth	Present
		David Danforth	Present
<b>District 7</b>		<b>District 8</b>	
Charlene Phelps		Matt Parrish	Present
Kate Rothwell	Present	Charles Piso	Present
<b>District 9</b>		<b>District 10</b>	
Alan Beebe		Michael Tarbell	Present
<b>District 11</b>		<b>District 12</b>	
		Bill Camarda	Present
		Bobby Maynard	
<b>District 13</b>		<b>VAA</b>	
Eric Wilson		Drew Hazelton	Present
<b>IREMS</b>		<b>PFFV</b>	
Pat Malone	Present	Mark Hachey	Present
Chris LaMonda	Present	Billy Fritz	
<b>VCFC</b>		<b>VSFA</b>	
Aaron Collette	Present		
Michael Randzio	Present		
<b>VAHHS</b>		<b>VLCT</b>	
		Lee Krohn	
<b>VDH</b>			
Will Moran	Present		
Chelsea Dubie	Present		

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**Non-members in attendance:** Courtney Newman, Dan Wolfson, Connor Dunn, Donna Jacob, Julia Sugg, Liam Knight, Elizabeth Couto, Chris Lamonda, Olivia Coe, Corey Boisvert, Liam Knight, Maggie Burke, Michaela Brown

### **Meeting Minutes Review & Approval**

The minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting were previously distributed to the committee.

- Motion to approve the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes by Adam Hueslin, and seconded by Michael Tarbell.
- The minutes were updated to reflect Billy Fritz's attendance.
- Motion carried unanimously.

### **Office of EMS Update**

EMS district chairs received notification last month of an update regarding the EMS Special Fund. On an annual basis, districts will have a one-month period starting on January 1, 2026, and ending on January 31, 2026, to apply for a sub-recipient grant. The grant performance period will begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2028.

EMS districts have several options to choose from to access state funding including applying for a grant directly, utilizing a fiscal sponsor to apply on their behalf, or coordinating with state EMS officials to direct resources to their region to meet their educational needs. Districts are asked to bundle all application materials together and submit as a single package. A reminder will be going out about the upcoming application window.

State EMS officials requested the Advisory Committee collaborate on developing a strategy to spend down the remaining funding following the closing of the application window; this will be a topic on the agenda for the January committee meeting.

### **Education Council Update**

The council met for the first time in more than a year. Moving forward, the council will meet before the monthly Advisory Committee meeting; the meeting will be scheduled for 30 minutes. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2026.

Earlier today the council voted to endorse the Advanced EMT Student Minimum Competences guidelines developed by State EMS Training Coordinator Courtney Newman.

### **Rural health Care Transformation Grant**

The State submitted its application in early November for a 5-year federal healthcare transformation program. EMS was nearly absent from the application—only mentioned once as a “critical partner,” and not included as one of the participating stakeholders. This is inconsistent with many other state applications across the country.

Patrick Malone suggests drafting a letter expressing concern; others suggest inviting the AHS Secretary to a meeting instead. The committee chair asked members to review the grant

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application (available on the AHS website) and be prepared to share their thoughts at the next meeting.

### **Public Safety Telecommunications Task Force Report**

A newly released 6-page report contains recommendations on dispatch modernization, which includes:

- Statewide multidisciplinary CAD system
- Interoperability standards
- Creation of a new oversight board
- Discussion of long-term funding needs

No mention of priority medical dispatch (PMD); no explicit consolidation recommendations. Key concerns raised are cost projections may be unrealistic, and EMS-hospital communications system gaps not addressed.

Members were asked to review the report before next week's meeting; the committee may adopt supportive or corrective language into EMSAC's own legislative report.

### **Legislative Draft Report Review**

The committee reviewed each section of the report, primarily focusing on key findings. Before starting, the committee discussed and agreed the language must be accurate and evidence based; avoid overly strong or unsupported claims; ensure clarity about system inconsistencies without inadvertently prompting unrealistic state mandates.

The committee systematically worked through the report, with attendees both in person and attending remotely contributing to the discussion. The report was updated in real-time.

All key findings were reviewed; however there was not sufficient time for the committee to review the entire narrative. Committee members were encouraged to submit their remaining comments to the technical writer no later than Friday, December 5. The committee will continue the discussion on the report at the next meeting scheduled in just one week.

### **Committee Schedule**

- December 10 – Vermont EMS Academy, 1096 VT-30, Newfane, VT 05345
  - 1 to 3 PM
  - Virtual - Microsoft Teams

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM