

**VTEMS District 6 Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018  
Board Room, CVMC**

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I. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 1903 by Mark Podgwaite. Members present: Joseph Aldsworth, Chris LaMonda, Sheila Brown, Jared Blum, Ty Roland, Howie McCausland, Marge Bower, Robert Bower, Douglas Jasman, LT Rutter, Greg Light, Mark Podgwaite, Gordon Murray, Matt Romei, Laurie-Beth Putnam, Scott Bagg. Visitors: Paula Ackel

II. June minutes: Minutes approved as written. LT/Howie

III. Treasurer's Report: Noted 2 Fast Squad's dues are overdue. Scott and Mark to follow up with them. Treasurer's report approved as written. Doug/Gordy

IV. Agenda items added from the floor: Old business: Online stuff – Marge; Audit – Laurie-Beth. New Business: Washington County Drug Court – Joe; Move Matt's question to New.

V. Medical Advisor report: Jared Blum, MD

- Lab draws are not being done when IV's are placed. If there's a good reason why it didn't get done, please document. All AEMT's/Paramedics should be doing them as long as they have been properly trained how.
- Jared will speak to CVMC nurses and doctors about taking calls from the field from our providers and that nurses are not allowed to give orders. Providers must talk directly to the Doctor for these.
- Jared is working on a district wide protocol regarding refusals for behavioral, SI, OD patients. Technically they should be transported to the hospital.

Training Coordinator: Scott Bagg

- Currently only have 1 service that is non-compliant with updated state protocols. Attempts have been made to contact that service with no response back from them.
- Scott did a presentation on the state protocols and recorded it. He can send it to anyone that wants it. Contact him if you are interested.
- October 13, 2018 – State Practical Exam for District 6. Scott needs volunteers. He capped the exam at 45 participants. Stipends will be paid to volunteers as in the past. Please contact him if you can help out. A request was sent out a short time ago with particulars.
- Central Vermont Career Center EMT course approval. Due to request coming in late, Kim Richards, course instructor was advised that he would have to start his course on October 1<sup>st</sup> to allow time for it to be submitted to the state. Course is full at this time with 6 students and is a full school year course. If challenges w/ health of Kim come up, Chris and Joe please share with Mark/Scott. Approved. LT/Howie

- Barre Town Association of EMT's and Paramedics Berlin EMT course. David Danforth, I/C and primary instructor. Course dates: 10/4/2018-2/21/2019 with state practical exam March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Thursday nights 1830-2130 and occasional Saturdays 0900-1300. Location: Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, Berlin, VT. Cost: \$425. Students are responsible for obtaining their own books. Text will be AAOS Emergency Medical Technician Textbook, Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 11<sup>th</sup> edition. Contact David if anyone is interested in volunteering to help instruct or help with practical labs or if students are having difficulty finding the textbook. He wants to keep the course cost reasonable. Register at: [www.regonline.com/VTEMSD6\\_2018BerlinEMT](http://www.regonline.com/VTEMSD6_2018BerlinEMT) Approved. LT/Howie
- VTEMS District 6 AEMT course. Scott Bagg, Keith Taylor, and Michelle Franklin, I/C and instructors. Course dates: 10/1/2018-3/13/2019 with state practical exam on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Monday & Thursday nights 1800-2200 and every other Sunday 1500-1900. Location: Northeast Regional Safety Academy, Montpelier, VT. Cost: \$1250. Students are responsible for obtaining their own books. Text will be Advanced EMT: A Clinical-Reasoning Approach, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ISBN-13: 9780134442686. For more information on text call/email any of the instructors. Register at: [www.regonline.com/VTEMSD6\\_2018AEMT](http://www.regonline.com/VTEMSD6_2018AEMT) Discussion ensued about the cost of the course. Leave course cost at current \$1250. Approved. Howie/Chris
- March 19, 2019 – Tentative District 6 Practical exam date. We will need help. Approved. Matt/LT
- High performance CPR Manikins are in. Meet Scott in the Library to pick them up after the meeting.

#### VIII. Old Business:

1. MCI Update: Howie reports nothing has happened since the last meeting. Need to plan a get together soon to work on it. Matt talked about the current District 6 MCI plan and said it was pretty standard until he got to the running order at the end. He said the running order isn't how it happens now and he is willing to look it over and bring forth recommendations.
2. Audit: Laurie Beth provided information about a professional audit. She contacted Norwich University to see if anyone there would be willing to do this. There may be a Professor interested in helping us out. Laurie Beth recommended offering him a stipend depending on how much he would charge or if free service.
3. TCCC/TECC: Matt talked about these courses in addition to a couple others. He is willing to do a TCCC course if there is interest. Cost for Matt to teach is \$50/ person and he would need additional instructors to help. Student to instructor ratio is 4:1. They are 2-day courses (8hrs/day).
4. CVMC Radio: Scott is working with radio communications to get the issue fixed. Too much interference due to PL problem.
5. HospitalNet: Lori Foster and other registrars will be trained and have access to retrieving SIREN PCRs so that services will no longer have to fax them. Looking at middle of October for a go live date. Scott will keep us updated on this.
6. Survey results: Thank you for feedback. Majority want to work on training and obtaining CEUs. Survey will go out in the near future asking for ideas on how to achieve this and meet NCCP requirements.

7. FirstNet: Barre City and Waterbury have signed on to the FirstNet system and are finding the coverage isn't as good as what they had advertised. There are still more towers to go up. Still a work in progress. Matt said Verizon also has a similar program going on. I believe the date is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 0900 in Room 10 at the State House. Please contact Matt if you plan on attending.
8. Google Group: Marge will be setting up a District 6 Google Group account for district correspondence. There are several District Board Reps/Alternates that have not joined the group. If you want to receive future minutes, agendas, course info, or anything relating to District 6 and you have not joined the group, please do so immediately by contacting Marge Bower for an invitation. I will not be sending individual emails to those of you not on the group from now on.
9. District Calendar: Marge said you can now post trainings on the District Website calendar! Have at it folks!

IX. New Business:

1. Safety Day: Is there any interest in doing a Safety Day event to attract prospective volunteers or something like this? Ideas?
2. EMS Advisory Committee:
  - Credentialing: How does everyone feel this is going? Is it costing money (yes!) and are we losing volunteers/personnel (resounding yes!).
  - Next meeting in District 6 on 11/8, 1300 hours, CVMC conference room?
3. Matt's question: State asking about training state security people to the EMR level. This would affect mostly Montpelier, Barre, Waterbury, Middlesex and need a service to sponsor them. District Board is not in favor of this, too cumbersome.
4. Drug Treatment Court: Joe is involved in this project. It helps the court system track repeat offenders via calls for ODs to see if this program is working. Contact him with any OD call you go to so that he can pass on information to the Drug Treatment Court program.

X. Announcements and Good of the Order:

XI. Meeting adjourned at 2103. Howie/Gordon

Respectfully submitted;

Sheila L. Brown, Secretary

Next meeting: October 9, 2018