EMS Leadership Call Minutes
4/4/2019

Attendance: Dan Batsie, Chris Bell, Dan Wolfson (on the phone), Emily Fisher, Merrill Pine, Donna Jacob

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Training – Dan B.
- State Training Coordinator position interviews are well under way and should wrap up soon. Good progress.

Licensing – Dan B. for Ray
- Ray has been working diligently on the on-line licensing system and is making great progress. He's on vacation and will return in a couple of weeks.

Data – Emily
- Working with SIREN's report writer issue and it seems to have been resolved.
- Reconstructing data elements to achieve cleaner reporting.
- Chelsea will be out on maternity leave until July. She and her baby are doing well.
- Emily and Tom are working part-time in hopes of providing continued responsiveness to issues, however larger project progress may slow with Chelsea's absence.

EMSC – Merrill
- EMSC Advisory Group held it's first meeting last week and it went well.
- Merrill has been providing input to the protocol workgroup as well as working on assuring a cleaner way of calculating pediatric dosing. Stand by for more on these efforts.
    - Dan Batsie added that Merrill is doing a great job working on patient safety. The larger project is how to move away from calculating pediatric medication doses, since brains just don't do math under pressure. Patient safety is a strong theme for the next protocol update. (Dr. Racussin asked that Merrill and Dan Batsie both reach out to her.)
- Nomination guidelines for EMS awards have been released. PLEASE overload Merrill with nominations this year!

Medical Director – Dan B.
- VT CARES
    - Prescott has CARES pretty much up-to-date but is still digging for data from several hospitals. (Dr. Racussin spoke up and said that if Porter is one of the hospitals missing data, she will work with Dan Batsie to get it to us.)

General EMS Team Updates – Dan B.
- Special Fund
    - All districts have received drafts of the special funds contracts via email, along with a blank W-9 and a template for the certificate of insurance (COI) information needed. Please review the draft and let us know it's okay to proceed, along with returning the completed W-9 and COI. Things cannot move forward without those components.
    - The fund criteria were made simpler this year. Any educational or licensure activity that meets guidelines can be counted. However, funds can only be released after activities are completed, so a specific invoice template has been created.

- o Call/email with questions.
- Protocol Update
  - o The protocol update workgroup is hard at work. Both the DMAs and the work group have been providing great input.
  - o Anyone not on the committee who would like their voice heard has many opportunities to have input: regional meetings that take place monthly around the state, emailed comments, monthly leadership calls and as always, phone calls to staff.
    - ▪ The next regional meeting is 4/22 in St. Johnsbury.

- EMS Conference
  - o Please bombard our office with nominations. There are many excellent providers and services in our state…show them your appreciation and nominate them for an award. Celebrations of the award recipients will be held in their respective areas at a time appropriate for all.
  - o Contract is being finalized now for the conference, which will be held October 31 thru November 2. Most likely at the Burlington Hilton, although not yet cast in stone.
  - o Thoughts/suggestions/requests – send them in! Call for speakers will be out soon.
- **Naloxone** – Chris B.
  - o A new email address has been set up for naloxone requests and is monitored by several staff members. naloxone@vermont.gov
  - o Services still may request naloxone free of charge from VDH, in either 4 mg nasal or 2 mg prefilled syringe dosing. Any other dosing, such as autoinjector, is currently not available. However marketing reps for the autoinjector dosing have been active, so expect marketing calls to try to sell the [still very expensive] product.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 a.m.