

EMS Leadership Conference Call
December 5, 2013

Present or on the Line: Jess Freire, Jenna Protzko, Emily Lubell, Donna Jacob, Dr. Wolfson, Walt Krul, Mike Paradis, Pat Malone, Amy Akerlind, Marie from Grand Isle, Leslie Lindquist, Montpelier Ambulance, Charlene Phelps, Scott Cooney, John Vose, Mariah Whitcomb, Jim Finger, Mike Tarbell, Carl Matteson, Bobby Maynard, Greg Gould, Bennington Rescue, Johnna Gould, Patti Wolf, Mike Condi.

EMS Office Updates:

PEPP Courses – Emily Lubell

PEPP course dates and locations are now posted online (www.peppsite.com and search for Vermont) for 3 of the 4 courses.

Protocols – Dr. Wolfson

The office has received a couple additional comments and edits, most of which are insignificant. However, in a couple of cases, these comments involve medication dosages. Critical changes are being made and put into a final draft, which will be released in about a week's time. We will also pull together a file of just the changed pages as well as an excel spreadsheet explaining what changed.

Jess added that hyperlinks will be added to the on-line version of the protocols once all of the corrections have been made. The latest draft will also be sent to the print shop, where 1 copy per service and 1 copy for each transporting vehicle will be printed.

Work on the iphone/android app will continue once the version is finalized.

SIREN – Jenna Protzko

- With some services going live with the new protocols on January 1, the office has set a goal of also going live with the active SIREN protocols on that date as well. The project is full speed ahead, so stay tuned.
- NEMSIS Version 3 and Elite will both be going live on October 1, 2014. If your service uses a third-party vendor to enter ePCR data, please begin conversations with your vendor now so that conversions can be facilitated.
- We are more actively reaching out to hospitals regarding the Dashboard feature, making sure that the ERs have access to all the data, and that third party reports are being received.

Protocol Education vs. Transition – Jess Freire

There still seems to be a lot of confusion between protocol education and transition. A letter is being prepared and will be mailed to all providers outlining protocol education, transition, licensure and CentreLearn. The hope is to get the letter out before Christmas.

In order for a service to go live with protocols (earliest date is January 1; latest is March 31), all of the service's providers must have completed protocol education. It is not essential that all providers have transitioned by those dates. Once all of the members of the service have been trained on protocol education, that service may begin to use the new protocols. It is not essential to provide proof to the state before going live—we're relying on the honor system. Each service should, however, be able to provide information on their members' educational history when required to do so.

Special Fund – Jess Freire

For districts who have returned signed W-9 forms to the office, their contracts have been sent to the Business Office and should be returning with vendor numbers. If your district has not yet submitted a W9 or you are not sure, contact Jess.

Workgroups – Jess Freire

Two new workgroups are being convened to address specific topics:

Interfacility Transport – (today) December 5 in room 2B from 1-3 p.m.

Firefighter Rehab – December 11 in room 2B from 1-3 p.m.

Call-in information for both meetings is on the website (www.vermontems.org).

Newsletter – Jess Freire

The newsletter has been revived and the first edition should be out in early January. Our hope is to make this a quarterly publication and yet another means of communicating important information to services and providers. Jess put a call out for photos of trainings, services, vehicles and anything else that might be of interest.