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**Re: Add Agenda Item**

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**From** Alex Naumann <president@richmondrescue.org>

**Date** Wed 6/25/2025 11:54 AM

**To** Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

**Cc** Susanne Parent <sparent@richmondvt.gov>

Hi Josh,

Thanks for your email. The study is called PAIN, and it is comparing Ketamine and Fentanyl for prehospital pain management. Paramedics in Vermont use both of these medications already, but we don't have any evidence if one works better than the other. What's unique about this study is it is an exception from informed consent (EFIC) study. Normally, before someone is able to be enrolled in a research study, researchers need to have a lengthy discussion with the patient about potential risks and benefits, and the patient must be of sound mind and able to consent to the study. Unfortunately, that informed consent conversation is not possible when patients are in pain, are severely injured, and are being treated by paramedics on a 911 call. In place of informed consent, the research team conducts community consultation, in which the study is heavily advertised and explained to the communities where patients could be enrolled to ensure community members have an opportunity to learn about the study, give feedback, or opt-out if they do not wish to be eligible for participation.

Part of our IRB approved community consultation plan states that we will meet with several local governments to ensure they are aware that the study will be happening. We would like to inform the Richmond SB of this study, as we have substantial ties to Richmond (I am a research coordinator on this study, a Richmond resident, and a paramedic with Richmond Rescue Inc., and the study's PI, Daniel Wolfson, is a Richmond resident and the medical director of Richmond Rescue). The EFIC process is authorized and closely regulated by the FDA. Nearly all of the EMS services in District 3 (Chittenden County area), are planning to participate in the study.

I'm making this request primarily from my role as a research coordinator working for UVM on this study. Richmond Rescue will be participating in the study once it has begun enrolling patients, but as a private non-profit will not have any oversight from the SB. Even so, we want to ensure the town is aware that this study will be taking place in the community and that there is buy-in from local government.

More information about the PAIN study is available at [go.uvm.edu/uvmppain](https://go.uvm.edu/uvmppain). The July 7 meeting sounds great if we're able to speak briefly at that meeting.

Thank you!

Alex

On Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 6:27 PM Josh Arneson <[jarneson@richmondvt.gov](mailto:jarneson@richmondvt.gov)> wrote:

Alex,

Please provide me with more information on the research study, the nature of the update to the Selectboard, action requested of the selectboard and the amount of time you anticipate for the update and questions. I'll see if I can get you on the Monday, July 7 Selectboard meeting.

Thanks,

Josh Arneson (he/him)

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**From:** Susanne Parent <[sparent@richmondvt.gov](mailto:sparent@richmondvt.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2025 11:50 AM

**To:** Josh Arneson <[jarneson@richmondvt.gov](mailto:jarneson@richmondvt.gov)>

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Alex Nauman called, cc'd on this email. He would like to be added as an agenda item to the upcoming selectboard meeting. There is a new research study happening and he would like to inform us and the town about what that entails.

When you have a moment, please email him back letting him know the next steps of how to proceed to get onto the agenda.

Thank you ~ Susanne

*Susanne Parent*

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