

**Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
February 13, 2015
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services**

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Daniel Wildman, Chair	Connie Green		Michelle Stone-Agee
Bryan McRay			Anita Ashby
Jack Sullivan			
Dennis Page			
Wayne Myers			
Steve Elliott			
Brian Hrick			

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Call to order:	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved.	
Introductions of Members:	All members of the committee introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.	
Committee Chair Report	No report from Committee Chair.	
Public Comments	None	
Old Business	<p>Safety Bulletins The committee agreed that the bulletins should be a one pager for now, but that they would like to expand them to weekly blasts of individual bullets from the monthly topic. The intent is that the committee members find the SMEs to develop the bulletins and that the information should be turned in to staff by Friday of the 1st week of the prior month so that it can be sent out for comments by the following Monday. After discussion of a logo, the Committee requested that the bulletins contain a statement “Brought to you by the Provider Health and Safety Committee.”</p> <p>Currently assigned topics list: March - Roadway incidents - Jack April – Pt. Handling – Wayne & Dan May - Ambulance crashes and distracted driving – Bubby Bish, Bryan June - Heat /Rehab topic for summer months – Dennis (send reminder email) July - Sleep deprivation – Rick McClure, Dan</p> <p>Still Open Topics: Mental health Nutrition Shift work</p>	Committee members will review documents and bring their comments to the next meeting. Staff will work with committee members on their assigned topics.

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	<p>PPE Workplace violence Cardiology Winter driving – next year</p> <p>The Committee would like the link to the LODD Report for Josh put on the website (will send to staff.)</p> <p>Patient Abandonment Discussion There is a need to educate on what is patient abandonment and what are the options (legal and otherwise) available to the EMS provider. Jack did some research on the numbers of providers sued due to patient abandonment and has not found any cases where violence has been a factor that resulted in a lawsuit. Individual medics are being pursued without the protection of their agency – treating off duty or out of protocols. The committee members will look for educational examples and perspectives to bring back as promising practices for scene safety that relate to the health and well being of the provider. The Committee agreed that the educational component of abandonment should be emphasized. Dennis will reach out to Robin for more information. A summary of the compiled information will be shared with the Rules and Regulations Committee.</p>	<p>Committee members will continue to collect information to develop the educational component of provider health and safety</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Health & Safety Review – EMS Officer Program The committee reviewed Chapter 5: Safety and Risk Management draft for the EMS Officer Program that is under development by the Workforce Development Committee. Comments were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Too lengthy - Content could be reduced to about 10 slides 2) Define acronyms 3) Ensure the concept that a Health and Safety Officer is more than just a safety cop is clear – scene safety, crew health, crew resource management 4) Identifying who is a Safety Officer is not clear – especially since the expectation is that everybody is a safety officer since accountability is everyone’s job – if you identify something as unsafe, everyone in the organization should be empowered to stop the unsafe activity 5) Provider health and safety pledges are old school – seat belt use is the law, PPE use and safe driving should be in the EWPs and organization policies – a pledge is not needed for this 6) Emergency Incident Injury Prevention is an awkward/inappropriate section/slide title – this slide is also missing the elements about cardio/strengthening/conditioning/flexibility – more detail is needed – or perhaps is this in another chapter? – there could be a whole chapter on Provider Health and Well-being 7) What is the purpose of the slide on Accident Investigation and Documentation – what type of accident is 	<p>Staff will ensure Committee comments are shared with the Staff for the Workforce Development Committee</p>

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	<p>being discussed – this could be a separate chapter as well</p> <p>8) The elements of a post incident analysis deserve more than one slide and they should be clearly listed</p> <p>9) The summary does not address accident investigation and PIOs</p> <p>10) The objectives slides and the summary slides do not match up</p> <p>11) Please address - How this relates to the NFA incident safety officer vs. health and safety officer – what is the role of the EMS Safety officer – is it both?</p> <p>12) The accepted new terminology is “command officer” – this is not addressed either.</p>	
Schedule Future Meetings	<p>The future meeting dates were set as: May 8, 2015 at OEMS at 9:00 a.m. August 5, 2015 at OEMS at 9:00 a.m. TBD: Two weeks before or two weeks after Symposium.</p>	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	<p>May 8, 2015 at OEMS at 9:00 a.m.</p>	
Adjournment:	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.</p>	