

**Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting  
May 8, 2014  
Courtyard Marriott North**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Brian Hricik, Chair	Karen Owens	Larry Oliver	Wayne Myers
Steve Elliott			Dennis Page
Bryan McRay			Jack Sullivan
Michelle Stone-Agee			Anita Ashby

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to order:</b>	Meeting called to order at 13:35. There was not a quorum, so no official business was conducted during the meeting	
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Unable to approve meeting minutes due to lack of quorum	
<b>Introductions of Members:</b>		
<b>Committee Chair Report</b>		
<b>Committee Member Report</b>	<p>Karen reported that the new Assistant Manager had started and that she would be present at the next Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting. She also provided an update on the Vicarious Trauma Toolkit project that she is working on. The project is focused on providing information and resources to help responders who experience vicarious trauma.</p> <p>Bryan M. brought up an article that was published in EMS world on EMS Operations. Looking really hard at the mental health side of things, especially after the agency accident. The biggest issue that they have seen in the agency is coming to work ready</p> <p>Steve mentioned a new message that is being pushed regarding the increasing number of suicides in public safety. There are more avenues for reporting. The link for the video is <a href="http://www.nbcchicago.com/video/#!/investigations/Firefighters-Address-Alarming-Suicide-Rates/258235781">www.nbcchicago.com/video/#!/investigations/Firefighters-Address-Alarming-Suicide-Rates/258235781</a></p> <p>Michelle asked for an update on the provider health and safety pledge. Karen stated that three agencies have signed the pledge along with provider pledges.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the desire for each agency to have a safety champion. Brian H. stated that we can provide best practices for those agencies that need assistance.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>The committee reviewed the Ambulance Safety Document provided by Michael Berg and the Transportation Committee. Jack provided his comments via e-mail and they all seemed fairly straightforward.</p> <p>Brian H. stated that the first part is a very long executive summary. He would recommend that they add the use of intermittent audible sounds when approaching the intersection. Also, remove the word ambulance driver from the entire document</p>	

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	<p>Bryan M. stated that he has a concern with making anything “mandatory” as it is hard to enforce. Should use caution for definitive language.</p> <p>Larry Oliver stopped into the meeting and thanked the committee for their work. He also mentioned that the executive committee would like each committee to make recruitment and retention a component of their agenda.</p>	
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting:</b>		
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting adjourned at 14:45	

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