

**Provider Health and Safety Committee**  
**Virginia Office of EMS**  
**May 3, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Brian Frankel, Chair	Steve Powell	Karen Owens	Heather Campbell
John Bianco	Norman Williams	Kari Magner	Wayne Myers
Bruce Stratton	Max Frayser	Daisy Banta	Caroline Barnes
Robert Lipscomb			Matt Lawler
Bubby Bish			Chris Vernovai
Amy Ashe			Michelle Ludeman
Valerie Quick			
Wayne Perry			

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<b>Call to order:</b>	Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.	
<b>Review and approval of Minutes</b>	Motion and second received to approve the meeting minutes.	
<b>Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members</b>	Committee members and guests introduced themselves	
<b>Committee Chair Report &amp; Update</b>	<p>The Chair raised the potential for moving the meeting time and location to allow for additional time for the meeting. Discussion was held regarding changing the start time to 8 a.m.</p> <p>A Vice Chair needs to be appointed for each committee. Chief Frankel appointed Valerie Quick to be the vice-chair of the committee. Discussion was also held regarding the potential of holding virtual meetings and whether that would be of interest. There was interest, so Chairman Frankel will determine logistics and requirements for virtual meetings. The committee discussed the need for a recording secretary and what that entails, including deadlines. Amy Ashe offered to serve in that capacity.</p> <p>Chief Frankel also discussed the draft EMS plan that will serve as an interim plan for the Office of EMS, which will be voted on at the full advisory board meeting. He also reviewed the goals and objectives approved by the committee</p>	<b>Committee Chair will discuss time change with Kevin Dillard and Matt Lawler</b>
<b>Committee Member/Other Reports</b>	OEMS Report – Karen Owens introduced Kari and Chris. They will be taking an active role in the committee, given Karen’s change in job responsibilities. Chris will be working on the EMS Safety Officer program and Kari will be putting together health and safety infographics. Chris shared the preliminary work he’s been doing for the program and research he’s conducted. She also shared an update on the work that Daisy has continued since her meeting with the committee. Daisy shared flyers that were developed to better advertise the resources and website.	
<b>Old Business</b>	<u>DICO Workgroup</u>	

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	<p>The committee discussed the DICO workgroup and the need to formalize exactly what the workgroup should focus on, especially with the near completion of decedent exposure processes. The goal is to get people that are interested and set up a recurring meeting.</p> <p><u>REMS Update</u> REMS is working with George Mason on their duty fit program which is through the Adaptive Services of Brain and Body Interactions. Their vision is to build tools to help public safety that provide feedback they can use in their studies. REMS has also initiated their decedent exposure program. Conversation was held regarding sharing of information and if the councils had been able to disseminate. Karen will work to disseminate the information to the appropriate audience.</p> <p><u>EMS Safety Officer Position Paper</u> Discussion was had regarding the EMS Safety Officer position paper. Committee members and audience members were very positive about the paper. The concern was raised regarding the terminology related to CISM and peer support. Clarification was provided that CISM is listed because it is defining the acronym used in the paper. Additional discussions were had regarding partners that may be able to assist in building the program and sharing information. John Bianco made a motion to accept the paper. Wayne Perry seconded. Motion passed unanimously</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>CISM Accreditation Process Update</u> The question was raised about the timing of an update for the CISM – Peer Support Accreditation process. Karen will reach out to individuals interested and begin working on recommended changes.</p> <p>Two teams were submitted for approval. The first is the Metro Washington Airport Authority. The second is the Federick County Sheriff’s Office. Both teams were approved unanimously.</p> <p><u>Additional Items</u> John Bianco shared a bill passed for Fire Programs to put together a workgroup to look at the exposure issue related to hazardous materials response. His concern was that EMS was not specifically mentioned as a member of the workgroup. Karen Owens stated she would reach out to fire programs and request EMS representation. Mr. Bianco agreed to represent EMS if approved.</p>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	Wayne Myers asked about a bill related to electric vehicle training required for all first responders. He was curious if anyone had additional information. Chair Frankel stated he would do some research to find out additional information on who is developing the course	
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting</b>	August 2, 2024 at 8 a.m.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.	