

Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
May 6, 2016
Marriott 10077 Brook Road Glen Allen, VA 23059
Draft Meeting Notes

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Daniel Wildman, Chair	Connie Green	Dr. George Lindbeck, VDH	Wayne Perry
Dennis Page	Karen Owens	Damien Coy, ODEMSA	Wayne Myers
Jack Sullivan			
Bryan McRay			
Steve Elliott			
Brian Hricik			

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Call to order:	9:05 AM	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting were approved, and no changes were made to the meeting notes from the February 5, 2016 meeting.	
Introductions of Members:	N/A	
Committee Chair Report	No report from Committee Chair.	
Public Comments	N/A	
Old Business	<p>Safety Bulletins The committee agreed that the safety bulletins should continue to be developed and disseminated as scheduled.</p> <p>Current topics list: May – Mental Health – Stress Relief June – Mental Health – Tips for Dealing with Harassment* July – EMS Safety Stand Down: The First Five Minutes August – Beat the Heat – How to stay safe from heat dangers September – Family Preparedness October – Hazards of Disaster Response November – Beat the Cold – How to stay safe from cold dangers December – Mental Health – Suicide Prevention January – Fit Responder</p> <p>Still Open Topics: Shift work / Workplace violence / Cardiology / Provider Fatigue / Water Safety</p> <p>*Karen Owens noted that the Committee had been asked to consider addressing the topic of Harassment in EMS.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to work with committee members to collect and organize information for presentation on the website.</p>

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	<p>EMS Safety Officer The committee will hold a working meeting in August that is open to the public, to develop the safety officer curriculum based on the infection control officer example. The concept is to develop policy that requires having a safety officer. The committee will work on what training the safety officer should have. Staff will develop the meeting invitation and a targeted audience list for the August meeting and a follow-up session will be held at Symposium.</p> <p>CISM/Mental Health Connie Green announced that the REMS CISM Team had been granted re-accreditation and that the Lord Fairfax CISM Team had been granted accreditation. Damien Coy gave an update on CISM, noting that the terminology that is becoming more accepted by the mainstream is “peer support programs.” He also noted the increasing interest in CIT training for peers.</p> <p>EMS Provider Fatigue Dr. George Lindbeck gave an update on his participation in the NHTSA EMS Fatigue project. The literature review questions are under development and the goal remains to provide useful guidelines and tools for administrative, scheduling and provider level EMS personnel. The project is vast in scope and the expected outcome will not be available for some time.</p>	<p>Staff will continue to work with Jack to set up the coordination of the working meetings.</p> <p>The Committee will continue to track these issues.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck will keep the Committee updated on the project’s progress.</p>
New Business	<p>EMSAT Update Karen Owens reviewed the upcoming Provider safety EMSAT that she worked on with Bryan McRay. She also noted that Symposium will have a 30 minute health and safety event on Saturday morning this year and that committee members should send her any sponsor ideas they might have.</p> <p>EMS Strategic Plan The committee discussed the EMS Plan and provided the following as suggested items for addition/deletion: Change Core Strategy 4: Assure Quality and Evaluation, Strategic Initiative 4.3 – Pursue new initiatives that support EMS, Objective 4.3.2 to read “Develop, implement and promote programs that emphasize safety, wellness and the physical <i>and mental</i> health of fire and EMS personnel.”</p> <p>BLS Narcan Administration Concern Damien Coy, stated that there is concern about BLS Narcan administration occurring without adequate education on potential adverse effects and what to expect from the patient. He requested that the committee consider adding this as a safety bulletin topic for general education.</p>	<p>Committee members will send Karen Owens any sponsor suggestions they may have.</p> <p>Staff will pass the Committee’s recommended change to Tim Perkins for consideration.</p> <p>The Committee will consider adding this as a future topic.</p>
Schedule Future Meetings	The next meeting date was set as: August 5, 2016	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	August 5, 2016 at the Marriott in Glenn Allen	
Adjournment:	10:09 AM	