

**Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting**  
**May 3, 2019**  
**Embassy Suites, Henrico, Virginia**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Lori Knowles, Chairwoman	Karen Owens	Matt Lawler	Jack Sullivan
Wayne Myers		R. Jason Ferguson	Bryan McRay
Brian Hricik		Valerie Quick	
Briant Atkins			
Wayne Perry			
Amy Ashe			

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<b>Call to order:</b>	Meeting called to order at 09:03	
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Wayne Myers requested a correction on the spelling of his name on the February 8, 2019 meeting minutes. With the correction motion to approve made by Brian Hricik and second by Wayne Perry. Approval of meeting minutes unanimous.	
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p><b>Exposure</b>  Valerie stated that since the last meeting she had spoken with Dr. Jaber but had not received any additional follow up. Karen stated that Gary Brown had attended a meeting with Dr. Jaber where he was going to see if there was an update, but she had not been able to get additional information from Gary since the meeting. Valerie said that UVa has been in contact with the May Clinic who will be able to test the blood, but may not be able to do so within the 48-hour ideal window. Unfortunately, this means that providers will need to start prophylaxis before receiving the test results. Karen asked who is drawing blood for testing. Valerie stated that in the hospital or the morgue it is not as big of an issue. The issue they are running into is if the blood needs to be drawn prehospital. Additional conversation was held on the drawing of blood in the prehospital setting including during a code, as a just in case. Valerie stated that the biggest issue is making it a habit, especially for providers who are used to placing an IO for access. The push is to get the definition of “public health emergency” modified so that this exposure issue is considered a public health emergency, which then creates a requirement for the medical examiner to test the blood.</p> <p>Karen asked about other routes that the Provider Health and Safety Committee can take since their actions have not gotten answers or guidance. Lori asked if we could possibly work with the legislative committee for a legislative approach to solving this issue. Matt Lawler stated that it is important to go through multiple approaches including legislative, prevention training, and also through the Chief Medical Examiner. How do we stay connected through the Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO)? Is there a way to establish effective communications and training updates?</p> <p>Valerie stated that resources like a video that is released on a yearly basis could assist. The committee discussed</p>	<b>Lori will reach out to committee members for ideas.</b>

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	<p>the training opportunities that could be created to support the DICO. This included basic YouTube videos on basic topics such as what is exposure, what is appropriate PPE, FAQs for vaccinations, exposure, etc. Valerie also discussed the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) which provides information on which immunizations individuals have.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p><b>CISM/Peer Support Team Accreditation</b>  Application for accreditation were received by Arlington County Police Department and Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. A motion was made to approve the applications by Wayne Peer. Wayne Perry seconded the motion. The applications were accepted by a unanimous vote.</p> <p><b>CISM/Peer Support Reaccreditation</b>  The REMS CISM team submitted their application for reaccreditation. The application was accepted by a unanimous vote.</p> <p><b>Exposure Application</b>  Karen provided information on an exposure application that she received while at the Congressional Fire Service Institute. It is worth looking into for additional information and for sharing.</p> <p><b>Committee Member Updates</b>  Wayne Perry said that there is still a push in the REMS area to use EMS providers as vaccinators. This may be a good component. They are also looking to get additional assistance with POD dispensing.</p> <p>Additional conversation was held regarding issues that have recently arisen regarding when there is an official call out for the CISM/Peer support team. Who are the teams and at what point does confidentiality begin?</p>	<p><b>Karen will submit certificates for accreditation to the teams.</b></p> <p><b>Karen will ask for an opinion from the Attorney General</b></p>
<b>Next Scheduled Meeting:</b>	Next meeting is August 2, 2019	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.	