

Provider Health and Safety Committee Meeting
February 14, 2013
Courtyard Marriott North

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:	Absent:
Brian Hricik, Chair	Karen Owens	Larry Oliver	Wayne Myers
Anita Ashby	Frank Cheatham		Jack Sullivan
Steve Elliott			
Bryan McRay			
Dennis Page			

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Call to order:	Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes approved unanimously with no changes.	
Introductions of Members:	Frank Cheatham introduced himself. Explained that he was office staff and would be sitting in on the meetings as possible.	
Committee Chair Report	Brian h. reported that the committee was formed a little over a year ago. Need to consider what deliverables we want to be able to provide to the Advisory Board, and the EMS community. Brian H. mentioned that he receives close call and LODD notifications but feels they only provide the basic information. Karen mentioned that there is a potential that we could create a screen in Field Bridge. This is a discussion to have with Paul Sharpe, as he is the manager of VPHIB. Frank mentioned that the national Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is looking into an event notification system. Brian H. stated that we should at least find out if an injury to a provider occurs on calls. At a minimum that is what we should put into field bridge.	Karen will invite Paul to attend the next meeting to discuss Dennis will get snapshots from the NFIRS system to see what data is collected.
Committee Member Report	Bryan M. discussed the Health and Safety class and the lack of participation. It's disappointing, but not unexpected. As we offer the class more, more people will recognize the importance of the program. Providers from West Virginia have attended courses that Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) has offered in their orientation program. Dennis still wants to make sure we focus on PTSD such as the previously discussed peer-to-peer resource group. How do we improve follow up and personal interaction following a critical incident. Karen mentioned that we need to educate agencies that teams are available and how they work. The CISM teams can be used to help develop the internal support. Frank mentioned we also need to educate the leadership on recognizing providers that aren't ready to get back on a truck and teach them how to approach the situation. Brian H. believes we are working on two issues, with the first being education. The committee should consider working with the Workforce Development Committee as it works on training and officer education. Brian M. said we should consider legislation requiring a Health and safety Officer. Karen mentioned the potential of writing the requirement into the next rewrite of the Rules and Regulations. Frank mentioned that we would	Bryan M. will send out future course dates for Karen to put on the OEMS website Larry Oliver will assist in getting a copy of the

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	have the time to develop a course and set qualifications for the position. Anita A. stated that she thinks we concentrate a lot on what our families and friends can do for us and may be missing the opportunity to discuss how what we do and what we experience affects our families. We also need to focus on substance abuse in Ems as 1 in 5 in the aeromedical profession suffers from substance abuse problems. Steve mentioned that we mention the word culture a lot and we need to make sure that we share information in a manner that allow providers to process it and put it into action (small bits). Maybe consider a Health and safety Facebook page. Karen mentioned that we would have to ensure we follow VDH policy but that we could very easily	curriculum of the EMS Officer course for review. Karen will work with Marian to secure a method for using social media.
New Business	Karen explained that the CISM committee is now a subcommittee of the Health and Safety Committee. Prior to the formation of the Health and Safety committee, the CISM committee created an accreditation process for the CISM teams. It follows the training standards previously set by the committee and is used to recognize those teams that are priority for deployment during an EMAC. The Rappahannock EMS Council CISM team has completed their accreditation application. Karen apologized for not bringing all of the supportive documentation. She will e-mail the committee to ensure that they understand the process. Bryan M. and Dennis discussed concerns. Motion to accept made and seconded. REMS CISM accreditation application approved (3-0-1). Frank updated the committee on the Traffic Incident Management issues. He stated that training is beginning and this is something that should be on the radar of the committee.	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013 at 13:30 hours and will be held at the Courtyard Marriott North.	
Adjournment:	Motion to adjourn made by Bryan, seconded by Dennis. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.	