**Provider Health and Safety Committee**

**Virginia Office of EMS**

**May 5, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

| **Members Present:** | **Members Absent:** | **OEMS Staff:** | **Guests** |
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| Brian Frankel, Advisory Board |  | Karen Owens | Kat Fiverstad |
| Bubby Bish, VAVRS |  | Amber Wells | Gina Wuertzer |
| Amy Ashe, PEMS |  | Amanda Loreti | Peppy Winchel |
| Valerie Quick, Advisory Board, At-Large Member |  |  |  |
| Wayne Perry, REMS |  |  |  |
| John Bianco |  |  |  |
| Steve Powell |  |  |  |
| R. Bruce Stratton |  |  |  |

| **Topic/Subject** | **Discussion** | **Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person** |
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| **Call to order:** | Meeting called to order at 08:30 a.m. by Chairman Frankel. |  |
| **Review and approval of Minutes** | Valerie Quick made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Bubby Bish seconded. Minutes approved by vote. |  |
| **Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members** | Committee members and guests introduced themselves |  |
| **Instructions on how the meeting will run** | Karen reminded the committee members to state their first name prior to speaking for the transcription.  |  |
| **Committee Chair Report & Update** | Chairman Frankel provided an update on the changes to the committee membership. He also followed up on an email he sent during the past quarter requesting input on the committee direction and focus. Discussion was had regarding the appropriate approach to developing a workgroup to look at the focus of the committee and the goals for the upcoming year. |  |
| **Committee Member/Other Reports** | Karen provided an update from OEMS. She stated that the Traffic Incident Management committee was meeting again and there have been some discussion about the low number of classes and how to get better data to help understand the impact of TIM training. Karen discussed the potential data that could be pulsed from the OEMS system and how that could be used to review actions of EMS on the scene. Additional discussion was held about concerns that the data could be used to decrease safety and ensuring that any review of data is done so appropriately with provider safety being the top priority. |  |
| **Old Business** | **Line of Duty Death Support** – Karen provided an update on her information gathering regarding Line of Duty Death support for agencies. Steve Weissman has offered to assist and she has received input from agencies that have programs or policies. She will continue to collect data and information to work towards developing best practices.**Workgroup Development** – Discuss was held about the developing of two workgroups. One would focus on the development of goals for the committee to serve as a guide for future activities. The other would discuss the issues with EMS safety and exposure issues, including discussions of line of duty death and mental health. Further discussion was had regarding the rules surrounding the composition of the workgroups. Karen expressed concern that there would potentially be an issue if too many committee members are included on the workgroup. The consensus was for Karen to get guidance on workgroup composition and then work to set dates.Additional discussions were held regarding the best approach to develop additional training and the EMS Officer position. Committee members stressed the importance of involving other advisory board committees.**Decedent Test Kits** – Karen provided an update that the process for purchase of the decedent test kits will not be useable as original planned. OEMS continues to seek alternatives to those test kits and will keep people posted. Valerie Quick continues to develop the process and update it with guidance to share with agencies/regional councils. The potential exists that others may be able to purchase the kits but the committee wants to ensure there is a process. | **Seek guidance on workgroup composition and then schedule meetings.****Karen will share the paper on EMS safety officer for review and comments****Valerie will share the process with workgroup members for finalization.** |
| **New Business** | **CISM-Peer Support Team Accreditation**Karen provided the names of teams that submitted applications in the last quarter that meet the requirements for accreditation. This quarter the only team is the Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center**.** Motion to approve by Amy Ashe; Second by Bubby Bish. Approved unanimously |  |
| **Public Comment** |  |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | November 2023 |  |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m. |  |
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