**Provider Health and Safety Committee**

**Virginia Office of EMS**

**November 17, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

| **Members Present:** | **Members Absent:** | **OEMS Staff:** | **Guests** |
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| Brian Frankel, Advisory Board |  | Karen Owens | Heather Campbell |
| Valerie Quick |  |  |  |
| Wayne Myers |  |  |  |
| Bruce Stratton |  |  |  |
| John Bianco |  |  |  |
| Valerie Quick |  |  |  |
| Wayne Perry |  |  |  |
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| **Topic/Subject** | **Discussion** | **Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person** |
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| **Call to order:** | Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by chairman |  |
| **Review and approval of Minutes** | The meeting minutes were approved after a motion by Valerie Quick and unanimous approval by committee members. |  |
| **Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members** | Committee members introduced themselves. |  |
| **Committee Chair Report & Update** | Chairman Frankel shared that he’d received guidance that we could create workgroups with as many committee members as desired. The two workgroups that will be created are the Goals and Objectives workgroup and the Infection Control Workgroup. These committee will meet before the next meeting. Valerie Quick shared that she has the schematic for notifications and specimen collection in the event of the exposure to decedent fluids. She will be sharing with the workgroup and then presenting to the Medical Direction Committee and Regional Councils. |  |
| **Committee Member/Other Reports** | Valerie Quick provided an update on the schematics for the specimen collection and the notification/testing process. Significant discussion was had about the problems that have been encountered, the concerns surrounding getting test kits, costs, etc.  Wayne Perry spoke about the opportunity to tour a mental health facility in Loudoun County. Additionally |  |
| **Old Business** | Karen provided an update related to previous discussions on data collection. She stated she spoke with the epidemiologists on staff at OEMS to get a better idea of the data that is being collected. She shared that with the ESO platform steps are being taken to collect data on critical incidents. This would be self-reported by the attendant in charge and collect data on whether there is a critical incident and the type of critical incident. Additional discussions were had about the potential to create communication pathways with that data to help agencies and councils recognize the occurrence of critical incidents.  Workgroup meetings were scheduled for December and Karen stated she would send invitations out.  Karen also provided a general reminder about the EMS safety officer position paper and reminded committee members to provide feedback. The goal is to present the position paper and then come back to generate recommended training plans for the position. |  |
| **New Business** | There were four teams presented for accreditation. All four teams were approved unanimously. Karen also shared that the IAFF is actually looking at developing state Fire and potentially state PSAP teams and will be working with OEMS to make sure the teams meet accreditation criteria and also that they are useful resources for larger state level deployments. | **Karen will reach out to Stephanie about talking to the committee in the future.** |
| **Public Comment** | No public comment |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Next meeting scheduled for February 2024 |  |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. |  |
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