**Provider Health and Safety Committee**

**Virginia Office of EMS**

**Virtual Meeting**

**November 18, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.**

| **Members Present:** | **Members Absent:** | **OEMS Staff:** | **Guests** |
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| Valerie Quick, Advisory Board, TJEMS | Wayne Myers | Karen Owens | Michael Clark, Carilion Trauma Registry |
| Jack Sullivan, Safety Specialist | Brian Hricik |  | Jason Ferguson, Advisory Board |
| Steve Powell, VAGEMSA |  |  | Matt Lawler, Advisory Board |
| Amy Ashe, PEMS |  |  |  |
| Wayne Perry, REMS |  |  |  |
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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 08:30 by Acting Chair, Valerie Quick |  |
| **Review and approval of Minutes** | There were no meeting minutes to approve as there was not a meeting the previous quarter. |  |
| **Introduction of Guests and New Committee Members** | Attendees introduced themselves. With the appointment of a new representative from VAGEMSA, all positions have been filled. |  |
| **Instructions on how the meeting will run** | Karen Owens advised guests and attendees to provide their name prior to speaking so that the transcriptionists can attribute comments to the correct individual |  |
| **Committee Chair Report & Update** | No report from committee chair |  |
| **Committee Member/Other Reports** | No report from committee members.  Karen Owens provided an update to attendees on the hiring of the Emergency Planner, who will also participate in health and safety activities. She also provided an update that Vince Valeriano has left the Office of EMS, but the mental health survey results dashboard is live. |  |
| **Old Business** | Valerie Quick asked for an update on the access to decedent blood exposure test kits. Karen stated that she is working with VDH purchasing staff to develop a contract to purchase kits for each regional council. The committee discussed what other steps can be taken regarding education, prevention, planning, and response in these situations. Karen reminded them that there was a website designed to help educate. | **Karen will check out the exposure survey that is on the website to see if anyone has used it and provide an update at the February meeting.** |
| **New Business** | **CISM Accreditation** – There are no new teams for accreditation but there were teams for reaccreditation. Those are not brought before the committee, but approved based on meeting the minimum requirements.  Karen provided an update on the ongoing Ebola outbreak and the impact on Virginia and public health response planning. |  |
| **Public Comment** |  |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Next meeting is scheduled February 3 at 8:30 a.m. |  |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m. |  |
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