



EMS S.21 Subcommittee

Meeting #2 - 2021 – Minutes

Date: June 10, 2021

Co-Chairs: Wayne Markell (A) and Chris Stolte




Location: From regions via Zoom

The following is a summary of subjects discussed at the above meeting. Please advise of any errors or omissions.

Attendees:

Members: Wayne Markell (Co-Chair(A)), Chris Stolte (Co-Chair), Isaac Arnold, Dave Doran, Ian Nash and Mark Schjerning
 Observers: Rob Nishman (MOH) and Tanya Morose (PSHSA)
 Facilitator: Julie Jeaurond (MLTSD)
 Guests: Chris Georgakopoulos (MOH), Don Pierce, EHPMDB, Sujoy Dey (MLTSD) and Craig Lawrie (MLTSD)
 Regrets: John McCarthy, Robert Crossan

	Topic/ Presenter	Comments/Action Items
1	Approval of Agenda	The meeting agenda was approved.
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting (March 18, 2021) were presented and accepted, as amended.
3.	Update from MOH Donald Pierce Manager, MOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACC's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Modernization for CACC's is on-going ➤ Lindsey CACC set to go live in late 2021 or early 2022 ➤ Toronto and Timmins are municipally run, not sure if they will adopt new system ➤ Telephony will be interchangeable ➤ Getting ready for next gen 911 in March 2024 ➤ Training will be at each CACC location (in-house) - Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAD 5 training at 4 different sites, Ottawa goes live on June 14th, Renfrew in August. ➤ CAD 5 will better support 911 ➤ There is a transition period from going from 4.5 to 5 CAD ➤ Delays due to COVID have impacted distribution ➤ Implementation of new base tones have been postponed ➤ GEO location app "what 3 words" starting to be used in Algonquin Park, requires cell phone coverage ➤ Palliative Care Paramedicine Program – 26 different services currently involved. Individuals who are registered as being in palliative care will be identified, hoping this goes live in September - Updates re: Equipment

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	Rob Nishman Manager, MOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ D500 Ambulance Design & Ergo Standards, mandate is to follow the requirements put out by MOH. Tim Cook would be the lead. Crestline will build to ministry standards. ➤ Ministry exams suspended. Exams scheduled to restart in July. ➤ Working group reviewing 'Oversight 911', ministry has accepted recommendations and will respond to ombudsman in next 6 months.
4.	PSHSA Update Tanya Morose, PSHSA	<p>Tanya Morose, Director, Prevention, Engagement and Retention</p>  <p>2021.06.10 PSHSA Update EMS S21.pd</p>
5.	PSHSA Risk Assessment/Root Cause Analysis Project for Paramedic Sector Tanya Morose, PSHSA	<p>Tanya Morose, Director, Prevention, Engagement and Retention</p>   <p>2021.06.10 RA and 2021.06.15 RCA Presentation to Paramedic Risk Asse</p>
6.	MLTSD Update Julie Jeaurond, MLTSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the use of elastomeric respirators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ They are used in some regions successfully, but some concerns include hard to speak with them on, seal checks, warm to wear. - Disposal of PPE; done at hospital or station for 911, Community Paramedics may dispose in patients' home. - The EMS Communiqué – PPE for Communicable Diseases will be shelved for now until such time it may be needed. - Feedback from MLTSD Legal Services Branch on the 4 GN's has been received. Based on the recommendations each of the GN's has been assigned and will be further revised/reviewed. Once completed, they will continue the approval/review process.
7.	Roundtable (all members)	<p><u>Ian Nash:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essex hiring a nurse - Still looking at getting carrier-type vest with front carrier - Looking for appropriate way to store lunches in the truck cab - Currently long waits at hospital - Heat exposure is starting to be a concern - Supplies of PPE are good <p><u>Isaac Arnold:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 92% of medics are vaccinated - Surge station started in January, stopped on June 1st - More than 2200 transfers completed - Mental health specialist hired for post pandemic and 6 paramedic students hired as well - Still helping with logistics of transports from Manitoba - Cooling vests are in use - Goggles/glasses are fogging but the cooling vests help <p><u>Dave Doran:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trying to ensure Community Paramedics have proper equipment and that students have same equipment at Paramedics - Issue with Ford trucks being higher. - Set up disinfecting stations - Fogging as been an issue, using Bollé goggles - Trialing PAPRs with 8 Medics <p><u>Chris Stolte:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Manager required in Lambton

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 new trucks coming on board <p>Mark Schjerner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchased 4 gas multimeters for students - New goggles purchased, no issues with fogging - MSA half-face masks have been issued <p>Wayne Markell (the best, saved for last of course):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hired 21 EMAs as well as 12 casuals - There were no EMS staff available, sent in EMAs - Paramedic Services Week – gave out a thank you coin, thanking them for all the hard work during the pandemic - New trucks will not arrive until August or September - Negotiations to start later this year
	New Business	<p>Ideas for new Guidance Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable Radios (students) in general - Coolertrons for transporting food - Post Pandemic Mental Health - Mental Health in General (pre-hire, maintenance throughout career, after singular incident) - Safe Storage of PPE in Ambulance - Occupant Safety in Ambulances - Ambulance Safety & Design (seatbelt, comm. Equip., CPR seat location) - Radio Communications - Novel Disinfection Techniques - Community Paramedicine Equipment - Paramedics Around Water - Gas Monitors - Mass Casualty Incidents - Active Shooter Scenario
8.	Adjourn	<p>Next meeting dates set for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 2, 2021 - November 18, 2021