



EMS S.21 Subcommittee

Meeting #2 - 2019 – Minutes

Date: June 6, 2019

Co-Chairs: Roger Mayo and Chris Stolte

Location: Centre for Health & Safety Innovation, 5110 Creekbank Road,
Mississauga

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

Attendees:

Members: Roger Mayo (Co-Chair), Joel Usher, Robert Crossan, Isaac Arnold, and Travis Brown.
 Observers: Rob Nishman (MoHLTC) and Tim Metcalfe (PSHSA)
 Facilitator: Julie Jeurond, MOL
 Guests: Stuart Mooney, MOHLTC Director (A), Beth Krauter, MOHLTC Manager and Shawn Wolkowski, MOHLTC Manager.
 Regrets: Chris Stolte (Co-Chair), Wayne Markell and John McCarthy.

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1	Approval of Agenda	The meeting agenda was approved.
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting (March 21, 2019) were presented and accepted.
3.	Action Items	Action Items were reviewed and discussed.
4.	MOL Update (J. Jeurond)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent retirement announcements for MOL Director at the Occupational Health and Safety Branch and Provincial Physician, Leon Genesove and Deputy Minister of Labour, Sophie Dennis. - CROSH – Kathryn Sinden from the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences at Lakehead University will be at next meeting to give a presentation on improving management of PTSD among first responders. - My acting assignment has been extended till March 2020. - Guidance Note #12 – Trenches and Excavations has been approved by L. Genesove and sent to Legal. No word yet on GN #11 – Synthetic Opioids.
5.	PSHSA Update (Tim Metcalfe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOL Skillspass program, where users will log in and be able to view all of their training. - Certification Training Part I is going to be available online. Will be quicker and cheaper, no travel required. - Respiratory protection poster developed for police, could be modified for EMS. - Changes made to Mandatory Blood Testing Act. - Infection control related to measles/herd immunity had gone down due to decrease in % of immunizations. - Website has gone through an update – rolling out at the end of the month.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety Sensitive Tool program – can there be drug testing at workplaces for safety sensitive jobs? - Co-op student program developed. - 10% of funding goes towards workplace violence in healthcare. - E-learning program for PTSD coming soon and new webinars coming out next month.
6.	Guidance Notes	<p>Hazardous Atmosphere and Confined Space Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - W. Markell and C. Stolte continue to work on GN. - Deferred to next meeting. <p>Access to Unconventional Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - W. Markell and C. Stolte continue to work on GN. <p>Hearing Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Crossan and I. Arnold to begin work on this GN. <p>Inclement Weather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John McCarthy and Joel Usher to begin work on this GN.
7.	Minister's Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Mayo would like to counter the response and asks everyone to review it. - WSIB currently going through a review. - Unions looking at submitting their own request to be a stand-alone Section 21 committee.
8.	Extrication Helmets (All Members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions continued from last meeting. - J. Usher did reach out to Mike on the CSA Committee. They are not discussing PPE on that committee. They said there is no perfect helmet. - T. Brown mentioned that in his area expiration does not mean it's not good – it's more of a warranty issue. - R. Nishman mentioned to change the request form. - Some volunteer dept's self inspect their helmets because cost is preventative.
9.	Roundtable (all members)	<p><u>R. Crossan:</u> Getting new helmets. There is one CME instead of 2 due to cuts.</p> <p><u>J. Usher:</u> To be replaced as a member after November. A recommendation has been sent to OLRB to be decided. Will share JHSC submission.</p> <p>Northumberland – no radio coverage, towers are an issue. Panic alarms not working, having to rely on cell phones. Hoping to get panic alarm on cell phones.</p> <p><u>Arnold:</u> They have adopted steering wheel covers to indicate out of service units. New equipment is being provided with training.</p>

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		<u>T. Brown</u> : There is a leadership shuffle. They have had a site visit from the MOL. A grievance was filed over the reptile show and tell.
10.	Guest Speakers Stuart Mooney Beth Krauter Shawn Wolkowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSRN (Public Safety Radio Network) – overall replacement of radios in Ontario. Fleetnet – bids have gone out, should be in place by late summer. Looking to improve system, user equipment, P25 ability, ABC Alerting. - New system to do base paging as current system is at end of its life. - Contract has not yet been awarded. Start with oldest equipment in SW with a target completion date of 4 years of contract being signed. - Work is being done with OAPC, looking at mapping of network, work being done now so that it can be handed off. - ORNGE is part of the discussion, they have been asked to define their needs. - To support the present system in the next 4 years, work is underway for work arounds for issues in the province. - System will guarantee 97% coverage so there may be gaps. - Research going on for issue in Niagara and 10% gap in coverage in R. Mayo's region. - MPDS Update – triage algorithm, changes response to 911 calls. - Should know by mid-July for timelines, Mississauga will be the 1st site. Peel/Holton involved in work design of new system. - Managing 1800 determinants. Vendor will be doing train the trainer to paramedic services. Policy development has been started. - Not ready to communicate timelines. Currently having workshops to develop back end of system.
11.	Confirm dates for next meetings and Adjourn	<p>Next meeting dates set are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 12 - November 7