



## EMS S.21 Subcommittee

Meeting #1 - 2020 – Minutes

Date: March 5, 2020

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), Chris Stolte (Co-Chair), Isaac Arnold, Ian Nash, Robert Crossan, John McCarthy and Dave Doran

Regrets: Wayne Markell

Observers: Rob Nishman (MOH) and Tim Metcalfe (PSHSA)

Facilitator: Julie Jeaurond, MLTSD

Guests: Henrietta Van Hulle (PSHSA), Sal Cavaricci (WSIB), Julie Thurlow (WSIB), Dr. Kimberly Watson (WSIB) and Michael Eby (MOH)

	Topic/ Presenter	Comments/Action Items
1	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	The meeting agenda was approved.
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	Minutes of the previous meeting (November 7, 2019) were presented and accepted.
3.	<b>Action Items</b>	Action Items were reviewed and discussed.
4.	<b>Roundtable/New Business</b> (all members)	<p><u>R. Crossan:</u> Throw ropes being taken out of ambulances.</p> <p><u>R. Mayo:</u> Hiring 24 new staff shortly. Discussed consumption site, OFM certification, mobility integrated health team.</p> <p><u>W. Markell:</u> 14 new hires just finished orientation, 30% compliment of ACP's. Budget talks trying to keep increases at 2% but other costs are going up, in preliminary talks for next years budget.</p> <p><u>D. Doran:</u> Issues with safe infection site. Issues with cross border agreements with police (jurisdiction). Fire at dispatch centre last month.</p> <p><u>I. Arnold:</u> Standard for northern transportation for those who can't meet the standard. One paramedic exposed to infectious disease. Buying a new truck, interested in new CSA Standard.</p> <p><u>C. Stolte:</u> New health and safety training coming.</p>

	Topic/ Presenter	Comments/Action Items
		<p><u>Ia. Nash:</u> Bringing on a new Hazmat team and a marine team on the police boat. Hiring 30 new paramedics.</p> <p><u>J. McCarthy:</u> Winter challenges, storm last week – paramedics told to stay home.</p>
5.	<b>Ministry of Health Update</b> (R. Nishman and M. Eby)	<p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where does Public Health Ontario fit? Info is flowing through MEOC.</li> <li>- Equipment Standards – changes were posted online for comment. Removal of equipment that is under the OHSA. Standards should be centric to patient care.</li> <li>- Panic Alarms – R. Mayo discussed past case in his region.</li> <li>- Recommendation still for an N95 respirator for COVID-19 or Influenza is the current standard.</li> <li>- Safe Injection Sites in Kingston - discussed liability, community paramedicine, funding stream, oversight.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>WSIB Presentation</b> (Sal Cavaricci, Julie Thurlow and Dr. Kimberly Watson)	<p>WSIB: Mental Stress Injuries (presentation included)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial legislation in 1998, PTSD Bill 163 came out in 2016. Change in legislation in 2018, Bill 127 &amp; 177 and 31. Presumptive legislation covers 18 different categories.</li> <li>- Reviewed entitlement criteria for Traumatic Mental Stress, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Chronic Mental Stress.</li> <li>- Specialized unit dedicated to managing claims involving mental stress injuries.</li> </ul> <p> <a href="#">WSIB_MSI_Overview_Section21EMSCommittee.pdf</a></p>
7.	<b>COVID-19 Discussion</b> (all members)	<p>COVID-19 training bulletin including screening tool</p> <p>Roundtable discussion of measures and procedures being implemented including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use of screening tool</li> <li>- Travel to other countries</li> <li>- Issues related to PPE/fit testing</li> <li>- Role of dispatch</li> <li>- Self quarantine for employees</li> <li>- Public health and community paramedics</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Discussion</b> <b>Workplace Violence</b> <b>Cannabis</b> (J. McCarthy)	<p>WPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most hospitals going with Safe Management Group for paramedic specific training, CAMH developed their own program</li> <li>- Hands on training needed</li> <li>- Working alone documents from PSHSA provided</li> </ul> <p>Cannabis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Link to PSHSA guidance on Cannabis use related</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Cannabis-in-the-workplace</a></p> <p> <a href="#">working-alone-or-in-isolation.pdf</a></p> <p> <a href="#">working alone toolkit.docx</a></p>

	Topic/ Presenter	Comments/Action Items
9.	Guidance Notes	<p><b>Guidance Note #13 Hazardous Atmosphere and Confined Space Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Document finalized. Ready for final approvals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Guidance Note #14 Paramedic Use of Private Sector Novel Conveyances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Document finalized. Ready for final approvals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Guidance Note #15 Hearing Conservation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed document. Feedback requested, work continues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Guidance Note #16 Inclement Weather</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed document. Feedback to be sent to Julie, work continues.</li> </ul>
10.	Adjourn	<p>Next meeting dates set for 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- June 11, 2020</li> <li>- September 10, 2020</li> <li>- November 19, 2020</li> </ul>