



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)

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1	Approval of Agenda	The meeting agenda was approved.
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting (November 7, 2019) were presented and accepted.
3.	Action Items	Action Items were reviewed and discussed.
4.	Roundtable/New Business (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>Is. 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>

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		<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.	Ministry of Health Update (R. Nishman and M. Eby)	<p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where does Public Health Ontario fit? Info is flowing through MEOC. - Equipment Standards – changes were posted online for comment. Removal of equipment that is under the OHSA. Standards should be centric to patient care. - Panic Alarms – R. Mayo discussed past case in his region. - Recommendation still for an N95 respirator for COVID-19 or Influenza is the current standard. - Safe Injection Sites in Kingston - discussed liability, community paramedicine, funding stream, oversight.
6.	WSIB Presentation (Sal Cavaricci, Julie Thurlow and Dr. Kimberly Watson)	<p>WSIB: Mental Stress Injuries (presentation included)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial legislation in 1998, PTSD Bill 163 came out in 2016. Change in legislation in 2018, Bill 127 & 177 and 31. Presumptive legislation covers 18 different categories. - Reviewed entitlement criteria for Traumatic Mental Stress, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Chronic Mental Stress. - Specialized unit dedicated to managing claims involving mental stress injuries. <p> WSIB_MSI_Overview_S ection21EMSCommitti</p>
7.	COVID-19 Discussion (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"> - use of screening tool - Travel to other countries - Issues related to PPE/fit testing - Role of dispatch - Self quarantine for employees - Public health and community paramedics
8.	Discussion Workplace Violence Cannabis (J. McCarthy)	<p>WPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most hospitals going with Safe Management Group for paramedic specific training, CAMH developed their own program - Hands on training needed - Working alone documents from PSHSA provided <p>Cannabis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link to PSHSA guidance on Cannabis use related <p>Cannabis-in-the-workplace</p> <p>  working alone-or-in-isolation.t working alone toolkit.docx</p>

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