



EMS S.21 Subcommittee

Meeting #3 - 2020 – Minutes

Date: September 10, 2020

Co-Chairs: Roger Mayo and Chris Stolte

Location: From respective regions via Zoom

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), Wayne Markell, Isaac Arnold, Ian Nash and Dave Doran
Observers: Rob Nishman, MOH and Tim Metcalfe, PSHSA
Facilitator: Julie Jeaurond, MLTSD
Guests: Michael Eby, MOH, Arlene Guthrie, MLTSD, Richard Burton, MLTSD, and Marc Cousineau, MLTSD
Regrets: Robert Crossan 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 (June 11, 2020) were presented and accepted.
	SOSE Presentation from MLTSD Prevention Division	Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers (SOSE) - Accreditation & Employer Recognition Program. - Arlene Guthrie, Training Standards Assessor, MLTSD Prevention Division - Richard Burton, Manager, MLTSD Prevention Division  Sec 21 EMS SOSE Presentation - v1.03 -
	Alert: Heat Stress Management While Wearing PPE (Pandemic Related)	- Marc Cousineau, MLTSD Provincial Hygienist Marc and group discussed concerns and recommendations related to this potential new Alert or GN.
3.	Roundtable/New Business (all members)	<u>C. Stolte:</u> - service struggling through COVID - several drownings and near drownings this summer <u>I.T. Nash:</u> - in Essex-Windsor, migrant farm workers and retirement homes still an issue - hired 20 more paramedics - donning and doffing with winter clothes may be an issue - storage issues in trucks with all the gear they are having to carry

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		<p><u>D. Doran:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - starting TWA for noise and CO investigation - formed COVID task force that is working well - having issues with cleaning due to lack of resources, no increase in 10 years - putting equipment in Ziploc bags - lack of guidance and enforcement regarding policies and procedures from MLTSD. <p><u>I. Arnold:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - focus on winter operations - cooling vests provided with mixed reviews - trying to make PPE reusable - temporary bases in Chatham <p><u>W. Markell:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lost couple of trucks to accidents - \$200,000 in damages. Looked at code reds – less than 12% came to a full stop. Hand-held device usage may be an issue in certain cases - deer vs. vehicle collisions - hiring 16 casuals - working on COVID regional team - doing a lot of the swabbing for COVID <p><u>R. Mayo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MLTSD dropped by in July re: dead zones - offload delays are occurring and call volumes almost back to normal - this is Roger's last meeting, last day of work is Sept. 28, 2020.
4.	Ministry of Health Update (R. Nishman and M. Eby)	<p>Regulatory Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing for things to ramp up again. ○ Working with Chief Medical Officer of Health in anticipation of potential second wave. ○ Paramedic sector guidance update planned. ○ PPE – issues around obtaining, supply chain and technical questions/issues recently. ○ Some college programs still struggling w/supply issues. ○ Entry to Practice exams had to be cancelled. ○ Testing for PCP to be held beginning of October, backlog of over 600 – hoping to be caught up by mid-fall. ○ COVID training bulletin will be updated along w/annual influenza bulletin, should be out soon. <p>Group Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nitrile glove shortage – changes week to week as to which item will be in short supply ○ Complacency at dispatch re: positive screening. Are they collecting data from screening questions? ○ Some are having students ride out with crew, PPE is supplied and billed back to the college.
5.	PSHSA Update (Tim Metcalfe)	Updates provided on the following topics: COVID-19 Sector Specific Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to the Workplace Resources and June 16 Conference First Aid Certification during COVID-19 Working at Heights Extension Designated Officer Training JHSC Certification Part 1, Part 2 and Refresher

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		WSIB Claim Costs related to COVID-19 2020 OHSA Available Heroes at Work CSA Q&A Resource Regarding PPE Public Review of CSA Standard: Management of Impairment in the workplace
6.	Guidance Notes	Guidance Notes #15 & #16 will be presented at the next Healthcare Section 21 Committee meeting on Sept. 24 th for members to comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance Note #13 Hazardous Atmosphere and Confined Space Response ○ Guidance Note #14 Novel Conveyances ○ Guidance Note #15 Hearing Conservation ○ Guidance Note #16 Inclement Weather Once all four GN's are finalized they will be forwarded for final reviews by MLTSD.
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OAPC is requesting additional background information in order to put in a formal request for the EMS section 21 sub-committee to be an autonomous stand-alone committee - Separate call to take place with Roger, Chris and Julie to discuss requests to the Minister re: autonomous stand-alone EMS committee - Julie to make a request to the Healthcare Section 21 Committee, to obtain their support in the EMS committee's efforts to be an autonomous stand-alone committee - Invite Minister of MLTSD to next meeting?
8.	Adjourn	Next meeting date set for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 19, 2020