



# 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

	Topic/ Presenter	Comments/Action Items
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.
	<b>SOSE Presentation from MLTSD Prevention Division</b>	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 -
	<b>Alert: Heat Stress Management While Wearing PPE (Pandemic Related)</b>	- Marc Cousineau, MLTSD Provincial Hygienist  Marc and group discussed concerns and recommendations related to this potential new Alert or GN.
3.	<b>Roundtable/New Business</b> (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"> <li>- starting TWA for noise and CO investigation</li> <li>- formed COVID task force that is working well</li> <li>- having issues with cleaning due to lack of resources, no increase in 10 years</li> <li>- putting equipment in Ziploc bags</li> <li>- lack of guidance and enforcement regarding policies and procedures from MLTSD.</li> </ul> <p><u>Is. Arnold:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- focus on winter operations</li> <li>- cooling vests provided with mixed reviews</li> <li>- trying to make PPE reusable</li> <li>- temporary bases in Chatham</li> </ul> <p><u>W. Markell:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- deer vs. vehicle collisions</li> <li>- hiring 16 casuals</li> <li>- working on COVID regional team</li> <li>- doing a lot of the swabbing for COVID</li> </ul> <p><u>R. Mayo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MLTSD dropped by in July re: dead zones</li> <li>- offload delays are occurring and call volumes almost back to normal</li> <li>- this is Roger's last meeting, last day of work is Sept. 28, 2020.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Ministry of Health Update</b> (R. Nishman and M. Eby)	<p>Regulatory Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Preparing for things to ramp up again.</li> <li>o Working with Chief Medical Officer of Health in anticipation of potential second wave.</li> <li>o Paramedic sector guidance update planned.</li> <li>o PPE – issues around obtaining, supply chain and technical questions/issues recently.</li> <li>o Some college programs still struggling w/supply issues.</li> <li>o Entry to Practice exams had to be cancelled.</li> <li>o Testing for PCP to be held beginning of October, backlog of over 600 – hoping to be caught up by mid-fall.</li> <li>o COVID training bulletin will be updated along w/annual influenza bulletin, should be out soon.</li> </ul> <p>Group Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Nitrile glove shortage – changes week to week as to which item will be in short supply</li> <li>o Complacency at dispatch re: positive screening. Are they collecting data from screening questions?</li> <li>o Some are having students ride out with crew, PPE is supplied and billed back to the college.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>PSHSA Update</b> (Tim Metcalfe)	<p>Updates provided on the following topics:</p> <p>COVID-19 Sector Specific Resources</p> <p>Return to the Workplace Resources and June 16 Conference</p> <p>First Aid Certification during COVID-19</p> <p>Working at Heights Extension</p> <p>Designated Officer Training</p> <p>JHSC Certification Part 1, Part 2 and Refresher</p>

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