

## **CISM TEAM MEETING**

**May 5, 2016**

**Members present: Damien Coy, Tarsha Robinson, Pat Saunders, Kelley Ramsey, Daniel Linkins, Karen Giles**

**Members on conference call: Adam Alford, Gary Martinez, and Wes Wampler**

**1830 Meeting called to order, minutes from last meeting handed out.**

**Damien gave a brief overview of the CISM program for the new people in attendance.**

**Kelley introduced herself to the group and gave a brief overview of the VCU peds team.**

**Team Responses: To Waverly/ Prince George after the Severe Thunderstorms and Tornado. Gary Martinez responded to LEO/FD/EMS incident, (not technically an ODEMSA event) Then a PD 19 activation that was cancelled by caller.**

**Open discussion:**

**Discussion on how to move forward from here- Gary has been invited to JTCC to speak with the EMT classes. Damien has been in discussion with Deputy Chief Knowles of Chesterfield Fire this past Friday, Chesterfield is looking for accreditation for CFD peer support team. Their peer support team has responded outside their service area and Deputy Chief Knowles and Damien discussed dovetailing their out of area responses with the ODEMSA Team, or at least notification of the outside responses. They also discussed possible multi agency training.**

**Mitchell model has gotten some bad press lately, and it seems that more agencies with response teams are moving toward more of a peer support approach.**

**Henrico and Hanover FDs are having a grass root type beginnings and developing their own response teams**

**Do we need to look at agencies having their own teams and how does that change what we do and how we do it? More instruction will be available in the fall,**

hopefully more team members will join. Possibly have dual members- people on our team as well their agency team.

Looking at resources to encourage agencies to use the team: Look into the Code Green program, it is a new program and see if we can dove tail with them to get the word out about us, locally.

Are veterans a potential resource- both as members and someone to call for our educational purposes, to keep us current?

Ways to become more proactive with education. Consider social media to “advertise” our team, possibly as a confidential point of contact for individuals needing a team response. We need to look into a possible chat room that could remain anonymous and have a team moderator available.

Damien tasked the team members to touch base with agencies in our planning districts and meet with them to start with the public education of who we are and what we do. He is hoping we set a goal to get to one agency meeting a month.

ODEMSA to put a blurb on the web page about the team, specifically mentioning it is anonymous and confidential when the team is activated. Also, put an announcement when a public incident occurs.

Education Opportunities: Mary Houston is working on Jim Helms coming with his program in mid September. Per Damien, Deputy Chief Knowles wants to get an instructor trainer course for Peer Support Training. We can look into Critical Incident Training (CIT) patient focused class (a 5 day class) for the agencies in our areas. Could ODEMSA reach out to VAVRS and see about teaming up for training? Adam said he could contact VAVRS after their Rescue College 2016 is over. Kelley says they keep their employee assistance folks busy, but she will touch base with them and see if they have any suggestions or availability to assist with educational opportunities.

Damien reminded us that we are still looking for members or Mental Healthcare professionals to do small presentations at our quarterly meetings to help keep members current with our training.

**Media is needed for our CISM booth. Gary Martinez's daughter is an artist and he will ask her to create something. We need more than business cards and pamphlets.**

**Gary Martinez needs dates for the CISM classes as soon as possible, he has folks wanting to take them.**

**Next meeting to take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. We will possibly have a get together in Sept when Jim Nelms is in town.**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by K. Giles**