

ODEMSA CISM Team Meeting

August 4, 2016

Members present: Damien Coy, Daniel Linkins, Martha Dodd-Slippy, Laura Cody

Call in Members: David Norman, Karen Giles

Damien opened the meeting by talking about a recent activation that had lots of response by the team members, and then the activation was cancelled. Traditionally there is low turnout for the notifications.

He has reached out via social media with a brief update on our status.

Karen spoke about several one on one contacts that were generated by a closed group on facebook. Damien reminded everyone to fill out the contact sheet in the team member packet.

Discussions about the Office of Emergency Mgmt and the Office of EMS on the state level have had a reassignment of duties. The NOVA people have their own way of doing things, for example. The regional councils are required to have some sort of support for their providers but not required to have what is called CISM. We can call it whatever, but to be accredited we must have more structure than what we have now.

Damien discussed the annual training coming up in Sept. Our original supporting organizations, Bon Secours' mission outreach person- Mary Houston has moved to Ohio. Her supervisor is no longer inclined to support us. Fortunately, Kelley at VCU was interested in doing this for us. Thanks to her help we are now partnered with VCU. The class will be at the end of Sept, the week of the 26th. This class will be much smaller, only 35 seats and 5 seats are going to be saved for Forest View members. The class will be held at Forest View Squad in Midlothian. HCA may be interested in having the same class at some point.

During the discussion the class make up was corrected to be 5 seats for VCU and 2 for Forest View with 28 seats available for anyone else. The class will no longer be free due to people signing up and not showing up and taking up a space for

someone willing to sit and learn. Chesterfield may be sending 12 people so smaller agencies need to sign their people up quick. There will only be two classes offered this year, Individual and Group with a few Cat 1 but mostly Cat 2 ceus. Open to Clinical and prehospital providers.

Activations: 1 to Crewe VFD with Mary H., David N, and Karen G., responding.

Karen had two 1:1 and was contacted directly.

David had 5 thru PGH/VCBR

Kelley is going to have an educational and ceu dinner she will be having someone come in as a precursor to the CISM class. Topics will be abuse and neglect and peer support.

David N. offered to do a weekend class (with Dierdre possibly assisting) of Mental Health First Aid. It is an 8 hour class with a 3 year certification.

The last weekend in August the CVHC will have a training exercise and there will be a CISM component. Damien is hoping for some team members to be there for the exercise with general info and if there is an enactment with a scenario.

Damien would like to meet with CISM folks from different councils and have a sharing of info to see what they are doing and if we can incorporate ideas into our team. Damien has been approved as a voting member on the State Advisory Board for Provider Safety and Health Committee.

While Jim Nelms is in the area discuss with him some organizational ideas and see what we need to do about getting some more instructors.

Meeting adjourned. There will possibly be a called meeting at the end of Sept to coincide with CISM class.