

Peninsulas Critical Incident Stress Management Team Minutes

September 12, 2005

Members Present:

Dawn Linton
Linda Hodges
Ellen Vest

Ralph Worley
Barbara Vest
Bob McKinley

Denise Hammond
Ralph Carrington
Jeff Hammack

Excused:

Tina Rice
Randy Gardner

John Gleason
Faith Smagalski

Greg Fleming

Guests:

Bev Mele
Ross Thompson

Ellen opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. by introducing John Cooke, Asst. Director for PEMS. Members present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by Ellen. Barbara moved they be accepted. Motion passed.

Ellen has been tracking ICSF courses for members. She is involved on a committee that is looking into state-wide CE for CISM teams. Discussion ensued concerning already overwhelming CE requirements for EMS positions. Additionally, no training can offer the lessons gained through actual experience with debriefings.

A discussion was held about the Clinical Coordinator position. The group consensus was to have Ralph continue in that position with Bob McKinley serving as Assistant Coordinator. Dawn will consider serving as Clinical Coordinator in the future.

Ellen shared a draft of the Newport News FD directive for CISM interventions. Once it has been accepted, Ellen would like to share it with other departments for consideration of similar directives. She would also like to see CISM taught in training academies by CISM members. Ralph reminded us that we need to continue sharing who we are and what we do as CISM members with everyone we meet.

Don Swope and Bob McKinley attended PCI class. Bob reported.

Ellen talked with Jim Chandler about joining ICISF. The only benefit he saw was for team deployment with ICISF.

Virginia will not be sending teams right now to the hurricane areas. Ellen will submit names to the Office of EMS of anyone interested for consideration if they do.

Team Activity Reports:

- There have been 3 debriefings and 1 defusing since our last meeting.

Our guests from the State Police shared about how Ralph had helped them. They had a situation that caused them to have to defuse the incident, debrief 31 people, then follow-up with a few individuals. Ralph helped with the follow-ups.

Our next meeting will be December 5, 2005. It will be a dinner meeting to celebrate the holiday. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.