

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

Summary of the August 22, 2012 meeting

Members present: Brandi Aston, Jim Ervin, Rainier Farmer, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Michael Mayers (Chair-Elect), Kay Miller

Members absent: Martha Adams, Greg Axe, Joe Evans (chair), Bryan Feyerherm, Camille Freitag, Ricardo Letelier, Heidi Melton, Mathew Rodgers, Jennifer Stewart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from July were approved.

INCIDENT STATISTICS AND REPORTS Jim Ervin will discuss the high number of incidents with Ag employees. Veterinary Medicine also had a high number this month.

Dan will contact Lab Animal Resources to discuss the incident on July 25 involving a worker who developed a rash after cleaning animal cages.

Mike stated that the MU has painted sidewalk trip hazards along Jefferson to make them more visible. Repairs are on the campus long-term plan.

The injury at the poultry center should be investigated further. An individual slipped on a wet concrete floor. It needs to be determined whether the worker was wearing proper footwear, if the area was marked, and whether this is a routine task.

FIRE/LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS As shown in the agenda.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW Matt and Bryan are working on several policies. The committee will review Policy 103, the OSU Safety Program.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE In July, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 31 departments:

- 29 Bloodborne pathogen/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
- 19 Animal handler safety
- 2 General Lab safety
- 2 Respirator training/fit test
- 17 Acknowledgement of training and hazard communication
- 7 Forklift safety
- 2 Golf cart/utility vehicle
- 2 Office safety
- 5 Initial isotope user training
- 1 Radiation Center training
- 3 Isotope refresher training
- 33 X-ray training
- 2 Laser safety

OLD BUSINESS Jim talked with Josh Hackenbruck in Agriculture about the federal excess property program, where Ag gets many of their vehicles. Property custodians are assigned to vehicles, and they are required to keep vehicles up to state standards. It is not known what Ag Experiment Station procedures are for their vehicles (which often come from the same source). It

was agreed that there should be at least a check-off sheet addressing service recommendations, services performed and follow-up. There may be other departments with their own vehicles (non-Motor Pool). Some kind of system may/should be available to track maintenance. The system should address inspections, who performs, who pays, etc. Jim will invite Josh to the October UHSC meeting. Dan will contact Motor Pool to see what programs and recommendations they have. Kay will look into SAIF vehicle maintenance requirements.

NEW BUSINESS Patrick reported that five insurance companies sent representatives to conduct walk-throughs of campus in order to provide bids for service. For the most part, buildings are in good shape as far as fire suppression, extinguishers, etc. Some open containers were noted in labs, and the LPI building was in disarray due to move-in. Some problems were seen with minimal water pressure in some places, electrical, inadequate back-up generators, and gas pipes.

Workers' Compensation is about 75% of the cost of liability insurance premiums. When discussing a system for dividing premiums amongst departments, Patrick favors a system that rewards departments for having good safety programs (as opposed to punishing departments for having accidents).

Kay and Heidi will present a self-assessment tool (available through SAIF) at the next meeting to get feedback about how the committee feels about the safety programs at OSU, and the committee's effectiveness. Discussion will follow about what the committee would like to accomplish in the next year and where to focus time and energies. The regular agenda will be condensed to allow time for the assessment and discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

Dan will contact Lab Animal Resources to discuss the incident on July 25.

Dan will further investigate the accident at the Poultry Farm.

Jim will invite Josh to the October UHSC meeting.

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Kay will look into SAIF vehicle maintenance requirements.

Patrick offered to contact Veterinary Medicine about getting a representative for the committee.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Joe will follow up with Jim Patton regarding fire inspection schedules. *Schedule was forwarded to Dan in time to include in the agenda.*

Kay will distribute SAIF self-assessment tool to members. *Done.*

Members will submit their safety walk route choices to Kay. *In process.*

ACTION ITEMS (carried forward)

Jennifer will look into what information Recreational Sports has available on tick bites. *(Not available to report)*

A Safety Instruction needs to be developed for bites, exposures to poison oak, etc. **(EH&S)** *(Not completed)*

Jim Ervin will ask the College of Ag surplus representative what the procedure is for Ag vehicles. *(Not available to report)*

Jim Patton will look into making inspection results available via the web. *(Not available to report)*

Jim Patton will make the schedule of inspections available to Dan Kermoyan each month in time to include in the UHSC agenda. *(Not available to report)*

A sub-committee will discuss fire alarm systems – what the current status is, what can be done to improve audibility, what are priorities, etc. *(No report)*

Bryan will re-start work with the sub-committee on the golf cart policy. *(Not available to report)*

Bryan will follow up with Mark McCambridge about the Safety & Financial Decisions letter *(Per*

Joe, Bryan followed up but has not yet received a response)

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NEXT MEETING August 22, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, **Cascade Hall Conference Room**

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