

Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

November 26, 2014 Meeting Summary

Members Present: Carrie Burkholder, Dan Kermoyan, Mike Mayers (chair), Heidi Lively Melton, Ryan Mitchell, Kris Osterloh (CGE alternate representative), LeAnna Pitts, Mike Sreniawski, Jennifer Stewart

Members Absent: Mike Bamberger, Stephany Chacon, Denson Chatfield, Kevin Christman, Bill Coslow, Joe Evans, Karin Hardin, Patrick Hughes, Jim Kiser, Ariel Leshchinsky, Ricardo Letelier, Jennifer McKay, Christina McKnight, Kay Miller, Jim Patton, Anthony Veltri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from October were approved

REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS

Mike Sreniawski has encouraged UHSC members to notify him about specific incidents they'd like included in the next meeting's agenda. Heidi Lively Melton generally provides the summary spreadsheet with 1 week of month's end.

Tuberculosis (Tb) exposure involving a vet student was discussed in length. According to Oregon Public Health Division, Tb is a mandatory reportable disease. Benton County Health Department (BCHD) initiated baseline and follow up testing of all those that were potentially exposed. Per Ryan Mitchell, BCHD performed a site visit focusing on ventilation. Thus far, a handful of employees have converted and tested positive. Another cohort of individuals will be tested. Heidi Lively Melton has been working closely with the Vet School on workers compensation claims. The importance of filing accident reports as soon as possible was stressed, so that departments can properly relay information and implement any potential action/notification. As part of Cleary Report requirements, the OSU Infectious Disease Response Team (IDRT) conducted a Measles tabletop drill around the same time as the Tb incident. Fortunately, as a result of the coincidental timing, lessons learned from both events are to be incorporated into the improvement of the IDRT response plan including future dissemination of information and the importance of not wreaking havoc.

Heart attack at Osborne took a few days for OSU to be notified, since it was off campus.

Employee slipped on the Research Vessel (R/V) Oceanus during a typical outing/ tour. Several UHSC members discussed their similar experience and the challenge of preventing future incidents as the environment can change immediately and without warning.

Collision between two flag football players was discussed. Players were part of a team building exercise and the experience will be used for learning purposes within the unit.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

Jim's scheduled DECEMBER inspections include:

Date	Time	Facility
02	9:00 AM	Langton Hall
03	1:00 PM	Plageman Student health Center
04	9:00 AM	Mac Fieldhouse (only)

08	9:00 AM	Valley Library
09	1:00 PM	Beaver Beginnings
10	8:30 AM	Gilkey Hall
11	9:00 AM	Kerr Admin
12	9:00 AM	Women's Building

FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT

Leanna Pitts sent summary out to committee. State trooper has been making rounds on campus investigating a camera issue.

Several floods across campus have been addressed.

A new program was created in which building managers can request sand/shovels for snow/ice. This will greatly help the facilities crews in meeting needs.

Mike Bamberger has been working on snow routes and created a map. New plows for sidewalks were purchased. The idea of having a hand-held radio channel in case of emergencies was discussed by Mike Mayers.

SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

In October, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following safety training, which occurred in 78 departments:

135	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
7	Incident command system
6	Hazmat shipper awareness
87	General lab safety
72	Hazardous waste
24	Animal handler safety
16	Respirator training/fit testing
85	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
82	Fire extinguisher
8	Golf/utility cart
97	Hazard communication
9	Office safety
27	Safety In Motion4 (one module)
31	Supervisor safety responsibilities
2	Bone densitometer
1	Isotope user refresher
6	Sealed radiation source (new or refresher)
32	X-ray

Members are encouraged to send Kay Miller summaries of training given by departments. Mike Mayers instituted "Safety Thursdays" in which he strategically places SAIF cards in restrooms and has brief discussions at the beginning of meetings related to best practices (stairwell safety, SIM, etc.).

OLD BUSINESS

Field Work/ Remote Operations Safety Planning Program- There will be a meeting on 11/21/14 organized by Carrie Burkholder from the College of Agriculture Sciences. Several representatives will attend including- Kevin Buch, the Diving Safety Officer, Jim Keiser from Forestry, Josh Norris from Dixon, etc. The goal is to create a plan and tool to track those

conducting research in remote locations. SPOT devices will be discussed as well as department accountability. A grant will hopefully help fund these devices.

Leanna Pitts mentioned that in new employee hiring packets, there is a checklist that addresses SIM ideals. LeAnna also mentioned that GCA will in fact clean up bodily fluids in public locations on campus.

Committee membership- No update at this time, but the importance of having a “generic makeup” was reinforced. Still waiting on a leadership decision regarding the proposed charter changes.

Carrie Burkholder serves on the Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee. Public Safety at OSP were strategically placed in specific areas on campus to reinforce dismount and walk zones. Education is the emphasis and was provided to those that were not obeying the rules (i.e. he/she is liable if they hit someone and tickets may be given in the future).

OLD ACTION ITEMS PENDING

Kay Miller to pass annual Safety Walk data to Leanna Pitts who will create work orders.

Kevin Christman to give committee update on Motor Pool work order and the lighting survey.

Jennifer Stewart will send Ariel Leshchinsky the Dixon Rec sound level measurements in order to write up the results in a Quality Improvement format (initial concern was by an employee)

Mike Sreniawski indicated he was nearly finished developing 3 Safety Instruction sheets for OSHA mandated UHSC training requirements: Safety Committees, Accident / Incident Reporting and Investigation, and Hazard Identification and Control. Mike will distribute these as soon as available.

NEW BUSINESS

Lighting issue on Washington and 30-35th, especially with new construction nearby, mentioned by Ryan Mitchell.

SAF 214: Hot Work Safety – Distributed to UHSC members for review. This first-revision policy will apply to anyone who is engaged in hot work duties or activities connected to the university.

Kris Osterloh presented concerns expressed by the Coalition of Graduate Employees (CGE) including potential ergonomic and chemical exposures. As requested, Mike Sreniawski has provided some educational and model program resources.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Dixon Conference Room 209.