

# Oregon State University Health and Safety Committee

September 23, 2015

## Meeting Summary

**Members Present:** Jennifer McKay (chair), Carrie Burkholder, Stephany Chacon, Kevin Christman, Ariel Leshchinsky, Mike Mayers, Joe McQuillin, Heidi Lively Melton, Kay Miller, Ryan Mitchell, LeAnna Pitts, Debi Rothermund, Mike Sreniawski

**Members Absent:** Mike Bamberger, Denson Chatfield, Patrick Hughes, Dan Kermoyan, Jim Kiser, Christina McKnight, Jim Patton, Jennifer Stewart, Anthony Veltri

**Guest Present:** Nathan Patterson, Capital Planning and Development

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from August were approved, with correction to the attendance listing.

### NEW BUSINESS

Heidi announced that she will be unavailable for the October and November meetings. She will provide accident reports for October and November at the December meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Safety walks for 2015 have been mostly completed. Kay is assembling the reports to submit to the Facilities Services Work Coordination Center.
- Jennifer M has reached out to Angelo Gomez in the Office of Equity and Inclusion about attending a future UHSC meeting.
- Jennifer M is working on confirmation of UHSC members. Bill Coslow should be removed from the list. Jennifer will review and update the list, then contact members who have been absent from several meetings. Karin Hardin's contact information will be removed from the UHSC web page.
- Jennifer M asked for clarification prior to inviting Glenn Ford to a meeting, and it was decided that we would like him to discuss what expectations he has of the committee, and what the committee expects/needs from him. Jennifer will contact his office to arrange when Glenn can attend.
- Freezer emergency alarms – most (probably 75%) are hooked up to the Department of Public Safety. Chris Sullivan at Ag and Life Sciences has developed alarm boxes that will monitor and alarm to emails and cell phones. All alarm buttons should have instructions posted nearby. Alarms should only be deactivated by DPS. There should be a procedure for freezers equipped with padlocks to prevent padlocks being applied while someone is inside the freezer. All freezers should have signs with current emergency contact information. Mike and Kevin will work on a procedure.
- Mike and Tyler Strampel (EH&S) are looking into why there are 55-gallon drums of

hydrofluoric acid on campus, and what other options are available. Good Samaritan Hospital, the Corvallis Fire Department, and all ambulances have calcium gluconate gel on hand, and sometimes other forms of calcium gluconate. EH&S hopes to have a policy/procedure available for UHSC review by the November meeting.

- Mike is working with Forestry and CEOAS to develop a shop safety program, which will include training, access control, maintenance and inspection of equipment, etc.
- Epi-pen usage discussion was tabled until Jennifer S is in attendance.
- Sting/bite/exposure discussion was tabled until Jim K is in attendance.
- Student employees unable to complete essential functions discussion was tabled until Mike M is in attendance (he had to leave early and missed this topic).

### **REVIEW OF ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Eight individuals were possibly exposed to cryptosporidium, which must be reported.

Individuals at Dixon Rec who reported headaches from wood floor sealant fumes were given options in advance of the work that would reduce or eliminate their exposure. All were assigned temporarily to other work locations.

### **FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS UPDATE**

No report

### **EH&S REPORT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS**

No reports received

### **FACILITIES MONTHLY LIFE-SAFETY WORK ORDERS REPORT**

Most items were related to fire code fixes and testing, and bees.

### **SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE**

In September, EH&S recorded the following safety training across 49 departments:

<b>May</b>	<b>Course</b>
131	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
35	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety (new or refresher)
3	NIH Guidelines
15	Hazardous waste generator
1	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
145	General laboratory safety
7	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
46	Animal handler safety
1	Respirator training/fit testing (+1 SCBA fit test)
83	Acknowledgement of safety training and hazard communication
5	Fire extinguisher
6	Forklift
18	Globally harmonized system/hazcomm/SDS
1	Golf cart/utility vehicle

27	Office and general safety
116	SIM training
3	Isotope user orientation
0	Laser safety
4	Sealed radioactive source orientation and refresher
2	Isotope user refresher
6	X-ray machine safety

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Meetings in November and December will be moved up one week to accommodate holiday schedules. The next meetings will be October 28, November 18 and December 16, in Dixon's lower classroom.

The LiNC building's west staircase has what appear to be dangerously low overheard clearances. Mike S will look into the staircase.

### **OLD ACTION ITEMS PENDING**

Jennifer Stewart will follow-up with SAIF regarding SIM training for OSU community that are not OSU employees. *Pending*

Committee members reviewed current practices for student staff unable to complete the essential functions of their employment. Mike Mayers will coordinate a work group to create recommendations for departments. *Pending*

### **ACTION ITEM UPDATES**

**Jim** will send Forestry Department information on stings/bites/exposures to Mike S. *Jim was not present at the meeting.*

**EH&S** will develop Safety Instructions or tip sheets on stings/bites/exposures. *In progress.*

**Ariel and Jennifer S** will follow up on legal issues regarding epi-pens. *In progress.*

**Tyler Strampel in EH&S** will a Safety Instruction and policy on hydrofluoric acid. *In progress.*

**Jennifer M** will invite a representative from the Office of Equity and Inclusion to address the group. *Jennifer has contacted Angelo Gomez and will arrange a time for a representative to address the committee.*

**Mike S** is working on developing a shop safety program, and will meet with supervisors/professors to discuss required training. *In progress*

**EH&S** will make a policy and/or recommendations for emergency cold room/freezer egress. *Mike and Kevin are working on this.*

**LeAnna** will work with Lynn Schauble, OSU' Space Allocation Manager on a process for transferring spaces. *Will continue to try to reach Lynn.*

**Carrie** will send emergency egress SOPs to her department, LeAnna, and EH&S.

**LeAnna** will follow up on freezer/cold room alarms. *As reported above.*

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, October 28, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Dixon Lower Classroom