

Minutes
May 18, 2011
3:00 – 4:00 PM
DCTC Board Room
Health, Wellness and Safety Committee

Present: Val Whitmer, Gordy Heis (Acordia Insurance) Lynda Hurt, John Christiansen, Don Budah, Patricia Cozad, Mary Weiland, Val Whitmer, Joan Asmus, Tracie Randall, Scott Zender

Absent: Melissa Schaller, Mike Zickrick, Ann Staples, Linda Berg, Nicolle Roush, John Borup

OSHA Update – Val Whitmer reviewed the data on the year-to-date reports.

Work Compensation Update: Gordy Heis reviewed the claims trend history from 07/08, 08/09, 09/10, and through April 26, 2011. The good news was that through April 2011 our claims were down from the trend of the previous three years.

The committee reviewed examples of Information on Latex and Fragrances. The committee by consensus agreed to the following statement for posting in each of our sites.

Information on Latex and Fragrances

Our sites have been designated as “Latex Limited” and “Fragrance Aware” by our District Indoor Air Quality committee.

“Latex Limited” means that we will not have any latex gloves or latex balloons in our buildings. Gloves and balloons are sources of latex that can easily get into the air and cause allergic reactions. Several of our sites have students who are known to have a life threatening allergy to latex. We also have some students and staff who could have a potential allergy to latex based on other medical history so this has been determined for the safety of all students and staff.

“Fragrance Aware” means that we will try to have a fragrance and scent free environment. Exposure to fragrances and scents can cause some of our staff and students to experience upper respiratory irritation, asthma, headaches and other symptoms. Sources of fragrance and scents include perfume, cologne, after-shave, hairsprays, and body lotions. All staff are encouraged to use personal products that are fragrance free. The district selects maintenance and cleaning products that are low odor to reduce symptoms for staff and students related to these types of products.

Bloodborne Pathogens: The Committee agreed to appoint a sub-committee to review procedures for exposure from sharps. The committee will be appointed at the first Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee meeting of 2011/2012. The committee will be four to six members with half of the members staff who use sharps.

Discussion was held on forming a subcommittee to clarify the procedures for securing and maintaining files on the Hepatitis B Vaccine Consent/Declination form. John Christiansen volunteered to coordinate this effort.

The meeting schedule for 2011/2012 was approved as follows:

September 21, 2011, November 16, 2011, January 18, 2012, March 14, 2012, and May 16, 2012.

There were no building specific issues discussion.

It was noted that a wooden deck structure south and west of the DCTC horticulture area was in need of some repair.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Next Meeting
September 21, 2011
3:00 PM – DCTC Board Room