

JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY
January 7, 2005
9:00am-12:00pm- 28th Floor – Ontario Room

Teleconference Number: Not used

MINUTES

Present: OPSEU – Frank Pezzutto, Brendan Kilcline, Lisa McCaskell
 OHA – Lynn Keays, Terry McMahon, Terry Siriska
 Minutes – Iris Cooney

Regrets: None

#	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION ITEM
	<p>Documents referred to are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agenda 2. September 21, 2004 JCCHS Draft Minutes 3. OHA July 29th, 2004 memo to CEO's of member hospitals (SEMD) 4. November 2, 2004 Memo – OPSEU response to July 29th, 2004 OHA memo regarding Safety Engineered Medical Devices (SEMD) 5. List of WSIB reports 6. WSIB sample report 	
1.	<p>Call to order: 9:00 AM</p>	
2	<p>Welcome to 3rd JCCHS meeting</p>	
3.	<p>Review of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting were accepted with the addition to Item 2f of a 5th bullet point noting the significant reduction in sharps injuries at Toronto East General Hospital following a trial of SEMDs.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TOR's will be considered final and a note to bring up final dispute resolutions will be revisited later in the year. 2. - 2c) bullet #2 - Original request for committee information will be cancelled due to difficulty in obtaining a clear map of all committees. JCCHS will revisit this later in the year once OHA has completed its governance and committee review. - 2c) bullet #3 – JCCHS formally requested HSAC Meeting Minutes both past and future. Terry S. will provide HSAC minutes to JCCHS members before the next meeting. 3. - 2e) OHA to provide all JCCHS members with copy of Respiratory Survey. OPSEU offered the following comments to the committee regarding the July 7, 2004 OHA letter to member hospitals concerning Respiratory Protection Programs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. we appreciate that the OHA sent the memo and agree that it contains useful and accurate information 	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. however, we believe that there should be reference to the role of the JHSC in developing, implementing and maintaining a Respiratory Protection Program iii. we are disappointed and believe it is problematic that the OHA did not set out the employers' obligations under the OHS Act and the Health Care regulation to establish a Respiratory Protection Program iv. we note that the document makes no mention or gives no guidance on determining which workers may be exposed to airborne agents. That is problematic given our experience during SARS when there was disagreement about which workers might be exposed. This determination should be made in consultation with the JHSC. v. In future, communications such as this should also go to the JHSC co-chairs <p>4. 2f) July 29th letter from OHA to member hospitals regarding SEMDs – Discussion centered on shifting the culture and starting a reeducation process by requesting that when the OHA is sending correspondence to its members on occupational health and safety issues that it also address such correspondence to local JHSCs. All agreed that this might not result in such memo's reaching JHSC members but that it was a good start. It was suggested that the body or a closing line also request that the recipient forward such correspondence. OHA will request if this can be done and will report back.</p> <p>5. 3a) bullet #2 WSIB Safety Groups – OPSEU members asked if they could receive reports regarding the activities of the Safety Groups. The OHA will provide Committee members with the 2004 report on the progress on the Competent Supervisor issue.</p> <p>6. JCCHS requested a standing agenda item be a "Safety Group Update".</p> <p>7. Safety Group meeting dates were provided to group and OPSEU inquired whether it was possible for one of its JCCHS members to attend as an observer. The OHA responded that it was.</p> <p>8. 2f) bullet #5 – Terry S. will provide JCCHS with OHA & MOL notes for review by this committee.</p> <p>9. 2f) bullet #8 – General discussion regarding EPINet. <i>OPSEU members</i> of JCCHS requested that OHA endorse that member hospitals implement system. All agreed that this is a great resource and should be used. OHA suggested that it couldn't endorse systems in a time of downsizing and staff shortages. A compromise could be to to again promote the use of this system. Terry S. will discuss with OHA and report back to the committee.</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>WSIB</p> <p>Does WSIB and HRDC use same Codes? This was discussed with Tony Aretusi from WSIB. He indicated that it was likely. Lisa M. will take the list JCCHS provided and cross-reference it to HRDC codes. Discussion centered on questions about codes and all indicated that this would be a wonderful resource. Lisa M. will work with JCCHS and Tony A. and make a formal request to information.management@wsib.on.ca for a potential 3 years of data.</p>	<p>LM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>OPSEU memo Dated November 2nd, 2004 in response to the OHA correspondence of July 29, 2004 regarding SEMDs. OPSEU members of the Committee presented a memo containing a draft recommendation regarding SEMDs for consideration by the Committee. With minor revisions, the Recommendation was accepted by the JCCHS and will be forwarded to the OHA Health and Safety Advisory Committee. The recommendation is as follows:</p> <p>The Joint Central Committee on Health & Safety (JCCHS) has considered the matter of safety engineered medical devices (SEMDs) and recommends to the HSAC that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All OHA member hospitals initiate a hospital-wide risk assessment process for sharps injuries in consultation with their Joint Health & Safety Committee. It is understood that some hospitals have already commenced and/or completed their risk assessments and have already begun the process of introducing SEMDs. b) All OHA member hospitals are encouraged to implement the EPINet sharps injury surveillance system referenced in the July 29, 2004 OHA memo to member hospitals in consultation with the JHSC; and c) Based on the findings of their sharps injury risk assessment process, all member hospitals initiate programs to introduce safety engineered medical devices (SEMDs) before the end of the 2005 calendar year, in consultation with their JHSCs. It is expected that hospitals will begin to introduce SEMDs first in the areas identified as high risk during the course of the risk assessment and that introduction of SEMDs will move in a timely fashion from the highest risk to lower risk areas and procedures. 	<p>TS</p> <p>LK/ FP</p>

6.	Next Meeting Dates ((confirmed)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 4, 2005 – 31 Wellesley – Lisa M. in charge of facility - June 10, 2005 – Ontario room at OHA – 28th Floor - September 14, 2005 - 31 Wellesley – Lisa M. in charge of facility - December 8, 2005 – Simcoe room at OHA – 28th Floor 	LM TS LM TS
7.	Housekeeping <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JCCHS branding (letterhead) will be provided to all. 2. Binder will be created at OHA. This will include a record of all minutes and correspondence distributed to members. 3. Other useful templates and forms for use in committees will be forwarded to JCCHS for perusal. 	IC IC IC
	Adjournment – on schedule.	