



JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY
Wednesday, December 08, 2010
10:00am-2:00pm
OHA Headquarters

Attendees:

Rachel Bredin
Tim Savage
Caroline Van Kessel
Brendan Kilcline, Co-Chair
Tom LeBlanc
Brenda Rantz, Co-Chair
Lisa McCaskell
Joan Murray

#		AGENDA ITEM	Action
1.	10:00 AM	Call to order	
2.		Approval of Minutes of September 29, 2010 Approved	
3.		Review of Agenda <u>Additions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Business Arising: Risk Assessment write-up</u>○ <u>New Business: ODRT; Expert Panel;</u>	
4.		Business Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lab Ergonomics The lab ergonomics tool appears to have originated at the University of California, Davis – The OHA does not wish to post the document on their website but will provide a link to it. OPSEU will post it on theirs.	L.McCaskell

		<p>○ Slips Trips and Falls Feedback from this committee on the draft document has been provided to Craig Macklem at SBGHC. B. Rantz to ask Craig to work with T. Savage to revise the document for committee review. There is a lot of interest at Safety Groups on this topic but hospitals are busy focusing on their workplace violence programs right now.</p> <p>○ Safety Group Update Tim reported 50% of Safety Group (SG) members are now in the 2011 Advantage Program. This program is a “lite” version of the draft WSIB accreditation standard. It appears to be a composite of the WorkWell program and CSA Z1000 standards. The Advantage program participants to take 2 hrs of auditor training.</p> <p>This is the last year for the Advantage Program. SG membership eligibility will end after five years of regular participation beginning in 2012.</p> <p>The Safety Group program is beginning to wind down as hospitals graduate from the program.</p> <p>T. Savage reports the Safety Group program appears to be effective as measured by the LTI rates. There has been a reduction in LTI rates in hospitals participating in the program. OPSEU requested to be provided with a ‘report card’ documenting LTI trends among participants and T. Savage agreed to try to provide.</p> <p>T. Savage reported there was an MOL presentation and discussion on safety MRI at the recent SG meeting, relating to equipment failure. Ministry of Labour inspectors from the Radiation Safety branch oversee this type of equipment. The issue raised when there is a system failure, liquid Helium is released into the environment (quenched). To avoid the potential hazards associated with the extreme cold and the creation of a hypoxic environment, hospitals should inspect the location and safety of the helium quench vents.</p> <p>There was also a discussion of Construction Safety in hospitals. B.Rantz and T.LeBlanc agreed to send the committee copies of their workplace policy/procedures addressing this issue</p>	<p>B.Rantz T.Savage</p> <p>T. Savage</p> <p>B.Rantz T.LeBlanc</p>
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	<p>○ HSAC Update Tim Savage reported there was a discussion about WSIB and the increase in hospital premiums on average of 8.4% increasing premiums from \$0.98 to \$1.06. Currently, 60% of premiums goes to pay down the unfunded liability. Further, hospitals are experiencing denial of Second Injury Enhancement Fund (SIEF) relief. The OHA will be taking interest in the Arthur's WSIB Funding Review and the restructuring of the unfunded liability. The OHA is a member of the Ontario Business Coalition. The OBC has engaged an actuary to represent their interests, including those of the OHA, at the Arthur's review.</p> <p>○ Risk Assessment Tool write-up Toronto East General Hospital reported they liked the tool. They will add it to their basket of risk assessment tools including a home-developed one for their Emergency department. It was felt by some the tool should contain more leading questions to elicit responses. South Bruce Grey reported training in use of the tool was very helpful and managers who did not receive training found it harder to use. Some users thought the tool may be a little too generic and reported some parts were not applicable. Good hazard control strategies arose from using the tool. L.McCaskell will inquire with the Public Service Health & Safety Association how hospitals can access the tool and any related charges. B.Rantz and T.LeBlanc will send copies of some completed RAs and plans (measures/procedures) arising from the RAs. The Committee will further discuss how to report on the RA Tool and its use at the next meeting.</p> <p>New Business</p> <p><u>Committee Membership:</u> Tim Savage and Robyn are withdrawing from regular attendance at this forum due to other responsibilities. The admin support for the committee will be shared by OHA and OPSEU. It was agreed, the party hosting the meeting will be responsible for record-keeping at the meeting and the production of minutes for meeting.</p> <p><u>OHA Workplace Violence Survey</u> A detailed survey was sent to all hospitals [CEOs, occupational health directors, HR directors], and a few CCACs. The response date was last week. A total of 148 responses was received which included all teaching hospitals and all mental health facilities. T. Savage is working on a synopsis.</p>	<p>L.McCaskell B.Rantz T.LeBlanc</p>
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5.		<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Dates:</p> <p>16th of February at OPSEU</p> <p>18th of May at OHA</p> <p>21st of September at OPSEU</p> <p>7th of December at OHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adjournment</p>	