

and will endeavour to have a draft for the September meeting.

- **Workplace Violence Project**

Survey:

T.Savage and L.McCaskell will coordinate sending out the survey and cover letter electronically to workplaces in mid-August. A reminder to submit the completed survey will be sent the week of Labour Day. The return date for the survey will be October 9, 2009. The letters along with a summary of the project will be sent as an attachment in an email. M.Rotering will finalize the cover letter and format the survey ensuring that return date is October 9, 2009 for both the cover letter and the survey. L. McCaskell will forward the final survey for setup on Survey Monkey. OHA then should let the Committee know when the letter is to be sent out.

Workplace Assessments

The three hospitals under consideration for the workplace assessments are: Mt. Sinai (Toronto), Whitby Mental Health Centre/Ontario Shores (Whitby) and the Kincardine and Walkerton sites of Grey Bruce. T.Savage will follow up with Mt. Sinai to ensure that their JHSC makes request to OSACH for risk assessment. L.McCaskell will follow up with Ontario Shores to see if their participation is possible. T.Savage and J.Holody will follow up with B.Rantz re the Grey Bruce sites.

L. McCaskell will review OSACH assessment tool currently being used at Ontario Shores and will speak with OSACH rep about availability of OSACH to do assessments. L.McCaskell will also speak with OHCOW director to find out if OHCOW may now be available to do some of the assessments. The Committee agreed that they prefer working with OHCOW.

New Business:

- **H1N1 Influenza: Update**

Responses to H1N1 Outbreak have been variable as it is not a declared pandemic in Ontario. However, supplies of PPE, e.g., N95, gloves, etc, are being consumed at a high rate. Some of the early messages to hospitals from the EOC/EMU were unclear. Infection Control teams and Pandemic Planning Committees should be involving the Joint Health and Safety Committees and OHS departments when making decisions about the use of PPE.

The Committee discussed the continued importance of respirator fit testing. The Safety Bulletin will provide information about pregnant workers during an outbreak/pandemic.

L. McCaskell will look into the use of Tamiflu and pregnant workers.

The First Nations communities have been especially hard hit by H1N1 virus. The OHA is discussing capacity issues in anticipation of a possible surge in H1N1 infection this fall and winter.

- **Ergonomic Issues:**

B. Kilcline stated that the Lean Six Sigma Quality Control Program (Ministry of Health courses) is changing work processes. Some hospitals are reorganizing the workflow but not looking into the ergonomic hazards that may be created. J. Murray suggested that there should be ergonomic assessments before changing the workflow. L. McCaskell will ask the Section 21 Committee about

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	<p>this issue. B. Kilcline is to look for more details and possibly post something on the OPSEU network/board. An update will be provided at the next JCCHS meeting.</p> <p>The OHA does not actively promote Lean Six Sigma Quality Control Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Group Update: The next meeting is at the Sault Area Hospital on June 22nd. Agenda includes: a presentation on Workplace Violence, Timmins District Hospital to present hospital's data, OHA to present briefly on Bill 168, project managers to discuss health and safety issues they faced when building the new hospital, and tour of the new hospital. The roundtable discussion for this meeting will be on N95 respirators. At the Safety Group meeting held in April, the meeting's agenda included: discussion of pandemic issues, Leon Genesove speaking on the MSD process and what to expect during inspections, Esther Green discussing cytotoxic drugs and safety. OPSEU (L. McCaskell) will review the ASTM standard on protective gloves for chemotherapeutic drugs. Reference to the new standard is found on the NIOSH website. B. Kilcline has submitted a piece on Cytotoxic Drug Safety for the OHA Safety Bulletin. Safety Group meetings now include a roundtable discussion e.g., MOL inspection experiences. Participants appreciated this opportunity and format. HSAC Update HSAC held a teleconference to talk about workplace violence and the legislation that was released at that time. HSAC discussed the reporting of occupational infectious disease claims to the WSIB and issues surrounding Bill 168 (workplace violence amendments). 	<p>B. Kilcline</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.</p>	