

**JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**March 4, 2005**  
**9:00am-12:00pm- OPSEU Offices – 31 Wellesley Street East – “D” Room**

**Teleconference Number:** Not used

DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** OPSEU – Frank Pezzutto, Brendan Kilcline, Lisa McCaskell  
OHA – Lynn Keays (teleconference), Steve Shemluck, Terry Siriska  
Chair – Frank Pezzutto  
Minutes – Iris Cooney & Lisa McCaskell

**Regrets:** Terry McMahon

#	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION ITEM
	<p>Documents referred to are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agenda</li> <li>2. September 21, 2004 JCCHS Draft Minutes</li> <li>3. OHA July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 memo to CEO's of member hospitals (SEMD)</li> <li>4. November 2, 2004 Memo – OPSEU response to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 OHA memo regarding Safety Engineered Medical Devices (SEMD)</li> <li>5. List of WSIB reports</li> <li>6. WSIB sample report</li> </ol>	
	<p>Call to order:  9:21 AM</p>	
	<p>Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> JCCHS meeting</p>	
1.	<p>Approve Minutes of January 7, 2005</p> <p>Approval of January minutes with minor corrections.  Open discussion about the posting of these minutes to both organizations web sites. Comments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that future minutes will not include committee members' names and will capture comments using general reference to the committee as a whole</li> </ul> <p>All agreed to post final minutes to their organization's website.</p>	
2.	<p>Business Arising and ongoing issues from minutes of January 7.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provision of HSAC minutes to OPSEU  This item was not addressed. HSAC meeting will take place mid-March and this request will be tabled at that time. OHA to provide answer for next meeting.</li> <li>b) Respiratory Survey to OPSEU  OHA provided to committee.</li> <li>c) Intention to forward OHA correspondence regarding OH&amp;S to local JHSC  OHA agreed that future communiqués dealing with H&amp;S will also be copied to local JHSC co-chairs.</li> <li>d) 2004 Safety Group report on Competent Supervisor issue  Clarification was provided – this report has not yet been completed and</li> </ol>	

	<p>therefore cannot be provided. A verbal update was provided. OHA agreed to provide OPSEU with a document outlining Safety Group processes. The evaluation process will also be provided. The primary advantage of belonging to the Safety Group is that members network and share information. Shelley Wall at WSIB is the contact regarding evaluation process.</p> <p>e) Notes from OHA/MOL meeting regarding MOL acute hospital blitz to be provided to JCCHS  OHA explained that this was a short and informal meeting. A verbal update was provided. OHA confirmed that 14 hospitals have complied with MOL orders regarding SEMDs. The OHA will inquire whether the names of these hospitals can be shared with JCCHS.</p> <p>f) Report re OHA position on endorsing EPINet  HSAC meeting was postponed until March 16, 2005. This will be tabled at that time.</p> <p>g) Request to WSIB  OPSEU provided handouts of the draft request to WSIB and copies of reports previously provided by the WSIB representative who attended the last JCCHS meeting. Group requested that medical aid reports and aggregate and individual reports be added to the request. All agreed to put forward this request to the WSIB.</p> <p>h) JCCHS SEMD memo to HSAC  Deferred to March 16<sup>th</sup> HSAC rescheduled meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>a) OPSEU report on survey of JHSC's  OPSEU reported that they sent survey out to OPSEU health and safety representatives at 80 hospitals and received responses from 23. The results will be posted on OPSEU's website. General discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good response</li> <li>• Stress and workload were cited as the top health and safety issues for OPSEU members who responded.</li> <li>• H&amp;S training was not perceived as a major concern</li> <li>• Concerns about infectious diseases and musculoskeletal injuries were ranked almost equally.</li> <li>• Workplace stress is a critical problem for OPSEU members but chronic stress is not compensable by WSIB therefore is not on WSIB's radar</li> <li>• OPSEU asked what job satisfaction and stress related activities are being supported at OHA. OHA agreed to provide an update on many of these initiatives in the upcoming weeks.</li> </ul> <p>b) Request for information regarding hospital preparation for Pandemic Influenza  OHA provided update. OPSEU clarified that they wanted to know how much planning is being done by individual hospitals?</p> <p>Discussion points:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is still preliminary at this point</li> <li>• Effect of pandemic on current influenza and vaccine policies.</li> <li>• Training for infection control, correct use of personal protective equipment, and pandemic planning could be started now</li> <li>• In the case of a pandemic, if limited supply of vaccines and antivirals are available, who will receive them?</li> </ul> <p>c) Request for information regarding hospital purchase of Lifting Devices with MOHLTC funding OHA will provide at next meeting an accurate update on what has been done to date and an account of all monies that have been allocated.</p>	
4.	<p>General notes and meeting date housekeeping issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put in new business a standing Safety Group Update to be provided by OHA</li> <li>• September 14<sup>th</sup> date will be changed to 20<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> – All to confirm.</li> </ul>	