



## Joint Central Committee on Health and Safety

September 9, 2009

OHA Offices, 200 Front Street West, Toronto

10:00am-2:00pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Brendan Kilcline, Co-Chair  
Lisa McCaskell  
Joan Murray  
Tom LeBlanc  
Brenda Rantz, Co-Chair  
Tim Savage  
Robyn Fremeth

#	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION ITEM
1.	<b>Call to order:</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.	B. Kilcline
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2009.</b>	<b>Approved</b>
3.	<b>Review of Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The committee added <i>OHA HealthAchieve</i> onto agenda. Robyn to book <i>HealthAchieve</i> passes for JCCHS</li><li>Link to OHA Safety Bulletin: the OHA will send OPSEU members the link to the OHA Safety Bulletin page on their website.</li></ul>	<b>Approved</b>
4.	<b>Business Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>JCCHS Synopsis for OHA H&amp;S Bulletin and HSAC</b> B. Kilcline will prepare a summary of this meeting and forward to B. Rantz for her input. The finalized summary will be published in the OHA Safety Bulletin.</li><li><b>Slips, Trips and Falls Guidance Note:</b> B. Rantz to present the draft at the December 7 JCCHS meeting. She reported that she is currently conducting the research, the end result is to have a guidance note and then create project for it</li></ul>	B. Kilcline  B.Rantz



	<p>Safety Group breakfast meeting on November 16.</p> <p>December 7 is the last Safety Group meeting for the year. The presenter will be Peter Sandman, a Risk Communication Specialist.</p> <p><b>HSAC update</b></p> <p>The next HSAC meeting is October 6 and the group will be looking at Healthy Work Environment grants from Health Force Ontario. T. Savage currently is submitting 5 separate applications for project grants from the MOHLTC <b>HealthForceOntario</b>. Workplace Violence Toolkit, Slips Trips and Falls, Musculoskeletal. The projects must have system impact and have a one year deliverable.</p> <p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H1N1 Influenza: Update</b> T. Savage announced that 3 vaccines are coming out. 1) Regular/Seasonal flu- open to everyone 2) Targeted Program for H1N1 Vaccines for healthcare workers/high risk people 3) 2 stage vaccine- separated in time. In Canada, the H1N1 vaccine will contain adjuvant to boost the efficacy of the vaccine. There is no intention to make H1N1 vaccine mandatory for health care workers.</li> <li>• <b>Tamiflu Update</b> At this time, pre-exposure use of Tamiflu is not recommended. Some resistance of H1N1 to Tamiflu has been seen. Guidance for use of Tamiflu for post-exposure to H1N1 is expected.</li> <li>• <b>Reviewing hospital Pandemic Influenza Plans</b> OHA believes that hospitals are reviewing their pandemic influenza plans in light of the first wave of flu this spring. Stockpiles of PPE and other equipment are being replenished. The MOHLTC has released some of its stockpiles to hospitals who had exhausted theirs.</li> <li>• <b>Ergonomic Issues</b> B. Kilcline reported that the Ministry of Health is promoting Six Sigma but not mandating it. The idea is to reorganize work processes to save time (used mostly by lab suppliers). B. Rantz believes that laboratories at Walkerton and Kincardine sites may be implementing this approach to increase productivity. She will investigate to see if health and safety implications are considered as this approach is implemented.  B. Kilcline to write up a piece for the Safety Bulletin providing two Cautionary story examples (due December 15).</li> </ul>	<p>T. Savage</p> <p>T. Savage</p> <p>T. Savage</p> <p>B. Kilcline</p> <p>B. Kilcline</p> <p>B. Rantz</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 9, 2009.</b></p>	

7.	<b>Adjournment</b> The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.	
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