

Health Sciences Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 29, 2007

Present:

Kim Bryner
Cindy Dalton
Brad Fansler
Thomas Hussion
Lisa Hatfield
Bob Lemley

Jeff Kerns
Bob Smith
Trudy Werry

Absent:

Nina Clovis
Mike Cain
Ben Cantoni
Andy Cockburn
Dianne DeAngelis
Stephanie Graham-Sims

Lt. Allen Hill
Ben Johnson
Grove Pennington
Debbie Pikel
Kevin Simpkins
Nasser Razmainfar

Agenda:

1. Introduction of Ms. Hatfield as the person working on HSC Safety Web-Site.
2. Classrooms 1106 & 1107 HSN renovations to correct tripping problems.
3. Center bar removed from double doors into Cancer Center.
4. Doors that opened into main hallway in basement of HSS removed.
5. Stairway 1B HSN were made emergency only because of construction of Biomedical Bldg.
6. Weekend close down of area between HSS and Hospital.
7. Immune deficient patient transport between Hospital and Dental Clinic.
8. Double Doors in stairwell next to Bookstore on the ground floor HSN.
9. Wooden steps Lighting and treads.
10. Lab audits to begin in the Cancer Center.
11. Lab chemical inventories complete, chemical inventory of all maintenance shops.
12. Fil-Tech contract for isolation room Hepa-filters in family practice and dental clinic.
13. OSHA visit to HSC for Contractor March-Weston.

The meeting opened at 1 PM.

Mr. Smith: We have with us today Ms. Lisa Hatfield; she has been instrumental in getting the HSC Safety Web-Site going. I will let Lisa tell about what she has been doing.

Ms. Hatfield: My name is Lisa Hatfield; I am a graduate student in E.H. &S. Studies. I have been working in the HSC Safety Office. One of my projects here at the HSC has been to work with the HSC Safety Staff to develop a Safety Web-Site. The site is now available. The site has a lot of information on safety such as policies, contacts for emergencies, etc. (Everyone introduced themselves to Ms. Hatfield)

Ms. Werry: What is the site address?

Ms. Hatfield: It's <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/safety/main/html>

Mr. Smith: I want to bring you up to date on some things that have been happening. One safety concern that had been brought to this committee was the tripping hazards in the dental classrooms 1106 & 1107. The tripping problem with the vinyl covering on the steps is being fixed. It is being replaced with a metal edging. Also the broken chairs are going to be replaced.

Mr. Fansler: I noticed the work being done and saw the metal edging. It's great! Are all the chairs being replaced or just the ones that are broken?

Mr. Smith: I'm not sure, but I think all the chairs will get replaced. The ones that are there now are pretty cheap. They break quite easily. Another Problem we have had recently has been with wheelchair and gurney patients trying to get through the double doors into the Cancer Center. The doors had a center vertical bar between the door way. This has been removed to allow easy access from the valet service to the Cancer Center elevators. This area has seen a tremendous amount of patient traffic since the construction out front has begun. On another safety concern that was brought before this committee, were the doors that opened into the main hallway in the basement of HSS near the MRI and the Laundry that were potential safety hazards for persons

passing through the hallway. These doors have been removed to alleviate the safety hazard and to make the short hallway more accessible to the MRI.

Ms. Werry: Are the laundry carts still stored in the short hallway.

Mr. Smith: Yes! They are still there until it can be worked out to get a place to store them.

Mr. Kerns: The entrance and stairwell 1B on the north side next to the construction of the Biomedical Building has been designated temporally as an emergency exit only. The contractors will be breaking into HSN soon to tie in the two buildings. It's going to be necessary for the cut into the brick to determine how to hook up the steel.

Mr. Fansler: Are they cutting into the 2nd and 3rd floor? Will they cut into the stairwell or into the hallways?

Mr. Kerns: The buildings will just be tied into the 2nd floor. I think they will break into the stairwell first to find out what's in the stair. If they it becomes necessary they may cut into the hallway also.

Mr. Fansler: Dentistry uses the hallway on the 1st floor to get to the classrooms 1106 & 1107. If they are going to be working above on the 2nd floor is this going to be safe?

Mr. Kerns: It shouldn't be a safety issue they should not disturb the 1st floor.

Ms. Werry: I attended a Hospital Facilities meeting this past week where it was being discussed the closure of the area between the Hospital and HSS. I don't know if anyone from over here knew about this. It is to happen this weekend. The physicians use the entrances to go between the HSC and the Hospital. I was just wondering if the entrance down at the cafeteria can be left open so the physicians still can cross to the hospital this week end. According to Scott Burns, they are bringing in a crane to lift an air handler or something to the roof.

Mr. Kerns: I'll have to find out what is going on. Who was it at the hospital?

Ms. Werry: Scott Burns, he is in the hospital facilities.

Mr. Kerns: I will give him a call.

Ms. Werry: Bob Smith and I met concerning a bone marrow transplant patient being transported over to the Dental Clinic. The patient was immune deficient and apparently, when they brought the patient over to the Dental Clinic they brought them through an area that had the tile out of the ceiling and through a back door that was unauthorized in the Clinic. They did not want to take the patient outside. I need to know what Debbie Falconi from the hospital was talking about so I asked Bob to show me the areas she was talking about, and he gave me a tour.

Mr. Fansler: The double doors in the stairwell next to the bookstore have been making a noise. They sound like a "shotgun" going off when they close. They need to be adjusted up someone is going to get their heels caught and could get hurt if they are not fixed.

Ms. Bryner: Indicated the wooden steps now have new treads. I'm sure everyone can certainly appreciate them.

Mr. Smith: The lights on the steps certainly make a difference at night. I haven't checked out front toward the PRT Station to see if those lights are up yet.

Mr. Lemley: Kim and Lisa have been working on all the lab chemical inventories and the MSDS's. They have rolled over into the maintenance shops for chemical inventories. They are getting them cataloged and filed. Next week the company Fil-Tech should be in. I have been trying to get a contract to service the isolation rooms in dentistry and family practice. The heap-filters have not been changed since they were put in. We need Fil-Tech's help in seeing if the rooms are working ok. We had an incident down in the MRI area with a possible TB patient. I think we have made progress in that area. We still have to get some protocols from our side. Once they are in place I will get in touch with you Trudy for your review of them. We will probably do the same for the areas of family practice and dentistry.

Mr. Kerns: OSHA came into the building to evaluate March-Weston the contractor for the Bio-Medical Building. March-Weston had requested from facilities the use of the HSC Facilities Conference Room to meet with OSHA. Both Federal and State OSHA were here at the HSC and seemed impressed with the contractor's safety. They were not here to inspect the HSC.

Meeting Adjourned at 2: 00 PM.