

# Health Sciences Safety Committee Meeting

## Minutes

April 26, 2007

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**Present:**

Kim Bryner  
Nina Clovis  
Andy Cockburn  
Cindy Dalton  
Brad Fansler  
Thomas Hussion

Bob Lemley  
Stephanie Graham-Sims  
Bob Smith  
Nasser Razmainfar  
Trudy Werry

**Absent:**

Mike Cain  
Ben Cantoni  
Dianne DeAngelis  
Lisa Hatfield  
Lt. Allen Hill  
Jeff Kerns

Ben Johnson  
Grove Pennington  
Debbie Pikel  
Kevin Simpkins

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**Agenda:**

1. **Building Security**
  - a. **Virginia Tech Incident.**
  - b. **Entrance and Exit Door Hardware Condition.**
  - c. **Amount of people traveling hallways after normal hours.**
  - d. **Safety Drills in case of a Emergency.**
2. **NRC Heighten Required Security Regulations.**
  - a. **Silent Alarms.**
  - b. **Safety Drills.**
3. **Dentistry Shop Needs a Door 704.**
4. **Environmental Testing of OLAR.**
5. **Work on Parking Lots to Begin.**
6. **New Floor Signs.**
7. **Lab Audit Update.**
8. **Air Test for Orthopedics.**
9. **Safety Fair in John Jones Center.**
10. **Medical Monitoring.**
11. **Online Safety Training.**

**The meeting opened at 1 PM.**

**Mr. Smith:** We all know what has happened at Virginia Tech this past week. This type of tragedy can happen here or at any other institution across the country. One problem we have and we have discussed it in the past meetings is securing this facility. There seems to be a problem of the locks on the entrance and exit doors. The hardware is old and it is hard to lock the entrance doors and the hardware for the “crash bars” stick or in some cases broken. Lt. Hill in the past has given to us list of the doors that are broken, won’t shut, or won’t lock. It seems a lot of these doors are repaired but don’t stay operational. It is probably time to either fix them or replace them and set up a regular preventive maintenance schedule so they will be operational. All of the “crash bars” should be on a regular schedule anyway.

**Mr. Hussion:** There are some doors within the building that drag the floor. One of them is in the exit of the stairway on the ground floor next to the warehouse. I think this is because the building has shifted because of the water getting into the shale. They need to be taken down and sawed off.

**Ms. Weery:** While were on the subject of security, Dianne and I have our offices in the Center hallway of HSS. We work a good bit after hours and there seems to be a lot of people in the hallways at night besides the custodians. With the Hospital and clinics it would be hard to secure the facility no matter what we would do.

**Mr. Lemley:** Yes! It is hard to secure the facility because it is a Public Building. And besides the number of doors and the tunnel makes it harder because it just isn’t one building with one entrance.

**Dr. Razmainfar:** With the increase in control ordered by the NRC we will be having drills for the areas were radioactive use areas will be conducted at least two times a year.

**Mr. Lemley:** I talked with Roger Pugh this past week and he is emphasizing safety drills in case of an emergency.

**Dr. Razmainfar:** These drills have nothing to do with what has happened at VT. This is because the NRC tightened the regulations. Alarms would not go off like normal drills. They would be silent alarms.

**Ms. Graham-Sims:** If they are silent, who will know if there are no alarms?

**Dr. Razmainfar:** Only a few people such as WVU Public Safety and Bobby Roberts Office and my Office. The silent alarm has already proven to work with a drill. This occurred down in Shields Lab when someone tried to enter without authorization. Also down in the Gamma Knife area when a non-authorized nurse tried to enter. She had no business to enter the area. We also found out that the Hospital and the HSC are different because of the Hospital Security are not considered Police by the NRC. The silent alarms are not going to alarm anyone or disrupt the normal routines within the HSC Facilities.

**Mr. Fansler:** Since Steve and I have moved our place down in Dentistry, we don't have a 704 place card on our door.

**Ms. Bryner:** I can take care of that, do you have the room number?

**Ms. Graham-Sims:** We had some environmental testing in the OLAR area. There are more tests to be run so Lisa our graduate student will be working with EH&S on this project. Also Lisa cut her finger on the faucet handle in the women's restroom ground floor next to the Pharmacy vault area. The facets are old and need replaced. The handles are frayed and sharp. I just want everyone to know the Physical Plant will begin working on the parking lots again, putting the speed bumps back in and painting crosswalk, etc.

**Ms. Bryner:** The new floor signs that Tom has made are really great! They look good and are big enough for people to see them. I have been doing lab audits over in the Cancer Center. They still have problems with food and drinks in the hallways. However, they have made some improvements.

**Ms. Clovis:** Bob, do you know if Buck has gotten his instrument back yet? We still need air quality test over in Orthopedics.

**Mr. Lemley:** He has gotten it back. It took a long time for the company to calibrate it. Right at the present time he has been very busy getting the air handlers ready for the summer. He still has you on his list.

**Ms. Bryner:** We are having a Safety Fair in the John Jones Center on May the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a lot of vendors such as Fisher and others to show their Safety Wares. The Safety office is going to put out an announcement.

**Mr. Lemley:** Stephanie has been working on two areas of medical monitoring of the Bloodborne Pathogen incidents follow ups, training records monitoring with Carolyn Bolyard in Community Medicine and Lana Bunner from UHA. UHA has a mandatory training and follow up system in place.

**Ms. Graham-Sims:** We have no records of who goes for the Hep B shots, some people go for some of the Hep B shots but not the whole series. We have no complete set of records of who has taken the complete series of shots. Who has been followed up on the sharps injuries. I am working with Carolyn Bolyard to obtain information. Carolyn is sending out inquires on this information. I don't know if you, Andy (Cockburn) worry about the shots? I know you have a good on line Bloodborne Pathogen Training system, and our safety office want to work on a similar type of Safety Training. It lets the person Train and finish at their leisure. Most people have busy schedules and can't attend seminars.

**DR. Cockburn:** I only check and follow up with the ones that work with human blood or tissue. I check to see if they have **been offered their shots**.

**Ms. Graham-Sims:** I would like to see us have an online system like UHA and Ruby. They have the same type of system that can track and store this kind of information.

**Dr. Cockburn:** I think it is possible to have a system like that.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2: 00 PM.**