



**Health Sciences Center
Safety Committee
Agenda**

Thursday, February 28, 2013

1:30-2:30PM

Attended:

-Stephanie Graham-Sims	-Beth Ann O'Neil
-Kim Bryner	-Trista Skedel
-Matthew Fike	-Ryan Bremar
-Rena Bouchal	-Jeff Kerns
-Smitha Moter	-Frank Ali
-Kristen Daft	-Angela Lemmon (Recording Secretary)

Old Business:

Stephanie Graham-Sims: (Safety Office)

- Stephanie welcomed everyone back for the New Year.
 - HSC North electrical upgrade project completed in November
 - The HSC North air handler replacement completed in December. Duct cleaning is also completed.
 - AFA construction is underway
 - DEP inspection was last year at this time. It is anticipate that they will return for a follow-up inspection soon. Reminders given to people in labs.
 - Board of Risk Management inspection – HSC Safety Office is coordinating follow-up and mitigation efforts to inspection deficiencies. Many big ticket items taken off. The report is due back by February 3rd, 2013.
 - Bid went out for Phase I of the renovations to HSC-North. May start moving people and offices within the year.
 - IPE space on the second floor where the old library was located. This will eventually become additional learning center space.
 - The entrance on the ground floor by the Chiller Plant recently had new lighting installed to replace the old original lights. The original lights were placed in the 1950's

- Indoor Air Quality complaints – receiving complaints relating to the air handler dust.
- Fire Alarms – Will address fire alarms in Emergency Response Plan.
- Enhanced Security – there are “restricted areas” which are marked on doors. After hours there will be one public entry point. All employees, students, faculty will have to swipe their card to get into the restricted areas after hours.

Kimberly Bryner (Safety Office)

- Visiting all labs. Still need to check pharmacy labs. If dentistry labs have any questions they need to contact Kim.
- Kim reminded everyone that the Safety Department has a policy for Vacating Labs. If someone is vacating a lab, please let Kim know.
- Kim also reminded everyone to check chemical inventories if there are P waste listed chemicals. Empty P waste containers can never go in the regular trash. They must go out as indicated hazardous waste containers. DEP will be looking for these when they visit. If you have any questions, please call Kim.

Ryan Bremer (Safety)

- Changing fire extinguishers. Relocating many of them for better coverage. If you have any questions you can call him or email him.

Kristen Daft (Radiation Safety)

- Inspection and inventories are starting in Radiation Safety.
- GPE project is underway.
- Conduit for security due to be done on March 1st, 2013.

Beth O’Neil (Pathology)

- New non-hazardous waste to be disposed of properly

Rena Bouchal (Pathology)

- Asked Stephanie a question regarding unwanted visitors and public safety. Stephanie added that there will be additional security at the HSC.

Nina Clovis (Orthopedics)

- Stated that she is grateful to Kim and Ryan for all the work that they have done recently to offer guidance regarding chemical safety and hazardous waste.

Matthew Fike

- Stated that the meeting next month will be held on the third floor conference room due to scheduling changes. Also the meeting in April is in the third floor conference room due to scheduling changes.
- A discussion was held as to whether we should reschedule the meeting in March due to Spring Break week.

Lana Bunner (WVUH)

- Stated everyone is getting ready for the DEP inspections.

Smitha Moter (Biosafety)

- Had a question regarding training and teaching labs and OSHA regs. Do the students have to pay for vaccinations? Stephanie stated that as

mentioned before, students are responsible for proof and cost of vaccinations.

Brad Fansler (Dentistry)

- Stated Dentistry is preparing to move to new facilities. There are possibly 30 faculty members that will be moving. They are in the planning stage.

Pat Callery (Pharmacy)

- Needs help to move refrigerator in Room 123A. Needs physically removed from office. Ryan will check into the status of moving.

Joe Tadesco (Cancer Center)

- No new business.

New Business:

Stephanie Graham-Sims (Safety)

- A question was raised in SOD regarding a pregnant student who worked with chemicals. If departments have questions regarding chemical safety, please contact the HSC Safety Office.
- HSC Safety Office is investigating an indoor air quality concern in the gross anatomy laboratory.
- The HSC Safety Office is working with J.T. Martin the fire extinguishers inspection contractor to bring all campus fire extinguishers into compliance and up to date relating to inspections.
- Stephanie has received an Underground Storage Tank training certification in order for the campus to be in compliance with UST regulations.
- The facility is still anticipating the DEP inspections.
- Stephanie is working closely with WVU partners involved in medical monitoring in order to make improvements and upgrades to the system.
- BRIM Report – Board of Risk Management response report was submitted and they have requested additional information. Stephanie will work on getting the details to them.
- There was an incident in the Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Facility Building involving a custodian walking into a room that the gas was left on all night. This could have caused a possible explosion. Investigating who left gas on and security improvements. Also training will be given to custodians regarding the emergency shut offs.
- SOD is preparing to move part of their practice. The offices should be ready before the students return in August. The new offices will be located in the Suncrest Town Center.

Ryan Bremar (Safety)

- Working on upgrading the fire extinguishers.
- He delivers containers to the department as needed.

Frank Ali (OLAR)

- OLAR is involved in working on the new AFA building issues.

- Getting ready for ACUC in April.
- Also preparing for the upcoming DEP inspection.
- There were two incidents in OLAR with eye splashes. One employee had safety glasses on the other did not. It is now mandatory for the employees to wear shields. OLAR also requires everyone to fill out a report if an incident occurs.

Matthew Fike (Research and Graduate Education)

- Next month the monthly meeting will be on the second floor instead of the third floor.

Kristen Daft (Radiation Safety)

- Radiation Safety is working on the control rooms for better security. They are hoping to have this done by the end of March.

Smitha Moter (ORIC)

- Slides for orientation are ready. She will e mail them to Stephanie instead of Dr. Vagird. Stephanie suggested she speak to him.
- Autoclave – met with Stephanie Simpson regarding observing the autoclave. She said everyone would be available on March 1st (Friday) in the morning to meet.
- IPC protocols – any needlestick incident reports in lab? Safety is not aware of any incidents. She may want to review the incident reports.

Jeff Kerns (Safety)

- He is continuing to monitor the construction and remodeling on the campus.
- Frank Ali asked Jeff if he had seen the construction plans regarding the fire codes. Jeff said that all building plans would be reviewed by the fire marshall and would be up to code.

Kim Bryner (Safety)

- Working on making sure all the labs are up and running by March.

Beth O'Neil (Pathology)

- Asked Kristen (from Radiation Safety) if she could help her interpret the reports that she receives from Radiation Safety.

Trista Skedel (Pathology)

- Testing badges to make sure they are working properly. They are retesting to make sure everything is working properly.

Rena Bouchal (Pathology)

- The plans for the morgue are coming along. The new morgue will be located behind the research center.
- Molecular Biology will also be located in the new morgue.

- Hoping to break ground in the fall.
- 1.5 years for completion. Possibly 2015.

Stephanie Graham-Sims (Safety)

- Infrastructure planning meeting. A planner was hired to prioritize the immediate needs of the building. Plumbing, HVA, electrical needs will be a priority.
- At the conclusion of the meeting it was discussed that the meeting in March should be rescheduled since it is scheduled right before Good Friday. The Safety Office will reschedule and send out an e mail.