

Group 4 Health & Safety Committee
January 27, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
T-269, Health Sciences Building
Meeting Minutes

Present: **Lisa Anderson, Hall Health**
 Jim Angelosante, HS Admin, ExOfficio
 Ann Aumann, UWMC
 Paul Bentson, WFSE
 Siobhan Brown, SOM
 Laura Campbell, Comp Med
 Daniel Chan, Dentistry
 Bob Ennes, HS Administration
 Ed Farnham, HS Administration
 Retha Hay, Employee Health
 Liz Kindred, HMC
 Brendon Lee, Nursing
 Rich Lee, Dentistry
 Dima Long, Pharmacy
 Barbara Lovseth, SOM

 René Lucas, Public Health
 Kathy Maher, HMC
 Suzanne Mason, Hall Health
 Michael Merrill, EH&S
 Cindy Moore, Health Services, ExOfficio
 Phil Numoto, EH&S, ExOfficio
 Nikki Peters, HS Administration, ExOfficio
 Mamadou Sambou, UWMC
 Eshy Shaharazad, HS Libraty, ExOfficio
 Chuck Treser, Public Health
 Melinda Young, WNRPC

Absent: **Rita Bellanca, WNRPC**
 Ruth Del Rosario, Pharmacy
 Gail Colfax, Social Work
 Retha Kay, Employee Health
 Patricia Hedtke, Pharmacy
 Carlene Karr-May, Comp Med
 Joyce Tsuji, Nursing
 Julie Worlein, Ex-Officio

1. Barbara Lovseth welcomed two new members to the committee: Brendon Lee from the School of Nursing (replacing Julie Hart) and Dima Long from the School of Pharmacy (replacing Ruth del Rosario).
2. Bob Ennes provided information on two incidents that occurred in the Health Sciences in the previous week:
 - a. Hexane spill on the 15th floor of the BB Tower. Fire Department was called. Bob commended the laboratory people for knowing exactly what to do, utilizing MYCHEM and being able to provide this information to the Fire Department.

- b. Unknown Hazardous Substance: B Wing, 3rd Floor, office worker was opening envelope and a white powder came out; they immediately called 911. The Fire Department and HazMat Team responded. Unfortunately they were not able to ascertain what the substance was. Of note: A UW Alert was issued and there was confusion over what this meant; people who received were uncertain as to what they should do as no alarm was sounded. The Police Department issues these alerts; Bob was going to follow-up with them.
 - c. Liz Kindred, HMC indicated that there was also an incident at Harborview mailroom with a profane letter with powder in it addressed to Social Work. The mailroom and Social Work were shut down immediately and police, fire and hazmat called.
3. Nikki Peters shared with the group a tragic incident which occurred at UCLA where a research associate died. It appears the researcher was not utilizing safe work practices.
4. Minutes from the December 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
5. UWide E&S Meeting was reviewed: Of note, they are discussing the possibility of staggered elections and the possibility of an additional committee which would encompass HMC/UWMC.
6. Incident/Accident Committee Reports:
 - a. HMC – Kathy Maher reported 62 incidents in November, 2008; all incidents were followed up.
 - b. UWMC and Non-HMC/UWMC: They will present their reports for December/January at the February, 2009 meeting.
7. René Lucas, Public Health, shared with the group that Public Health would be doing a tabletop disaster drill in March. She will report back to us the outcome of this drill.

The meeting was adjourned.