

**State of New York/Public Employees Federation
Statewide Health and Safety Committee
Minutes of Meeting 9/20/06**

Attending for NYS: Chuck Vejvoda, (Co-Chair) GOER; Jean Eduoard (ENCON)

Attending for PEF: Kathy D'Arminio (Co-Chair) OTDA; Ross Aronson, Parole Ret.; Jonathan Rosen, PEF Staff

The meeting opened with the new PEF chair introducing herself.

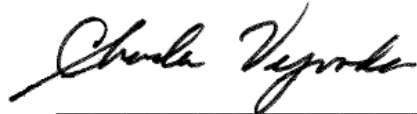
1. **Health and Safety Conference:** PEF presented a draft of the proposed agenda for the conference. Mr. Vejvoda indicated that after a preliminary review he has no objections, but that he would review further and advise PEF if there were any proposed changes. The agenda will be updated as necessary as to workshops and presenters and GOER will be advised. Mr. Rosen provided more detailed information on some of the workshops. Mr. Vejvoda has signed a letter granting release time to conference attendees. It must now be signed by Mr. Scales at PEF for inclusion in the packet to be mailed out to prospective attendees.
2. **SHIP Grants Update:** The Parole SHIP grant for the updated H&S manual is completed. The manual has been printed and will be distributed as decided by the Division of Parole H&S committee. A tax-exempt form will be provided to the printer so that sales tax on the production of the manual does not have to be paid. The Infection Control Certification is due back from the printer shortly. Shawn Bobb of PEF has three scheduled training sessions, but if more are required they will be scheduled. Nona McQuay will conduct the training with Shawn. The curriculum can be modified based upon the level of experience of the attendees. The Finger Lakes DDSO grant for \$4,307.50 on Improving Training Skills for SCIP trainers is awaiting signature by Roger Scales of PEF. The Batavia School for the Blind has requested a grant for CPR and First Aid training. That grant request will probably not be funded because the agency should cover the cost of that training. The draft of the MOU for the OMH Violence Prevention Symposium will be completed on 9/22. Funding will be through Article 14 funds.
3. **Indoor Air Quality Training (IAQ):** Mr. Vejvoda noted that he attended the training in Buffalo and that it was an effective program. IAQ training on mold is scheduled for NYC on September 26 and 27 and will be conducted by Tiffany Bader.

4. **AED Program Status:** As of this date OGS has not yet provided all details, but has indicated that it will do so shortly. They have approximately three million dollars for the program, but the cost could exceed that amount once the protocols are established. Mr. Vejvoda noted that OGS must approve the plans of each agency. This item will be kept on the agenda to review new and updated information. Mr. Vejvoda will contact OGS about issuing an updated advisory.
5. **Chemical Emergency Response Training:** Mr. Rosen reviewed PEF's relationship with the ICWUC (International Chemical Workers Union). He explained the various trainings that they conduct and the type of training that PEF would like to offer in chemical emergency response. Mr. Vejvoda indicated that the state is not ready to proceed with such training until the time that the potential attendees are identified. He noted that it has not yet been determined who responders will be. NYS is still evaluating certain situations, e.g. in a flu epidemic the need for workers to come to work or remain home. The governor can declare an emergency and order workers to stay home, if indicated. PEF will be kept updated on the CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear explosives) task force. PEF will consider doing a survey on program interest and report back to the committee at a future date. The item will be kept on the agenda as CBRNE Taskforce.
6. **Health and Safety Program Management Project:** Mr. Vejvoda indicated that the task force on the project is meeting monthly to develop a workable agenda. PEF will be kept apprised of ongoing developments.
7. **New Business:** An MOU has been prepared for PEF and CSEA members who work within 2 ½ miles of 90 Church Street in Manhattan to receive flu shots. The radius in Syracuse is 15 miles from the fair grounds. The Department of Health may solicit outside that radius to accommodate the state police. The flu shot program will take place on 11/9/06 and will be known as Protect New York. PEF has requested that GOER ask DOH for their final report on the state managed WTC Medical Monitoring Project. Mr. Vejvoda indicated that he believes that there are preliminary reports available and he will make the request.

The 7th Annual Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference will be held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 12-16, 2007. The committee wants to support attendance at the conference.. Ms. Solomon or a DOH statewide committee member should submit a

formal written request and the committee will attempt to get an MOU for funding.

The committee will meet again on 12/5/06.



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