

PEF Statewide Health & Safety
Meeting – April 28, 2009
Minutes

Present: Pam Klarsfeld; Elizabeth Cheese; Jim Moffitt; Ed Snow; Kathy D'Arminio; Matt Guiane;
Sue Ann Hart; Derrick Holmes

A. Introductions completed.

B. Discussion centered on AED's for all OMRDD facilities, campus and community. Sue Ann Hart reported that the AED's are rolling out to community houses at CDDSO. Sunmount reporting that not all facilities have AED's at this time.

C. DIHRM [Director Institute of Human Resource Management]: will discuss at next meeting.

D. PPD is under review. There is no final policy in place. No timeline has been established for a policy. Kathy Keating stated that PPD is being reviewed by DOH.

E. University of Maryland Grant: Matt London is waiting on a decision from OMRDD. Kathy D'A would like to meet with Jim Moffitt, Sue Ann Hart, and Matt Guiane to discuss where this is going. It was felt that Matt London should initiate the contact for a meeting.

F. Fire Safety:

- Fire at Sunmount is still under investigation and cannot be reported on at this time.
- Ed Snow asked if there was any 'proactive' action by OMRDD on fire codes?
- Is there training and follow-up on the codes?
- What process is being used to meet the standard within all residences?
- Sue Ann Hart reported that specific precursors/situations will reach out to all DDSO's.

Ed S. asked what preventative measures is OMRDD using?

- Are the required inspections being done in a timely manner?
- Are people being diligent following responsibilities within community homes?
- Is one inspection a year 'good enough'?
- Do employees truly understand the regulations?
- Sue Ann said all findings are reviewed with the community home in questions. List of Do's and Don'ts is provided.
- Matt G said the increasing demands of the job are adding to workload issues.
- Add 'list of basic safety measures' to New Employee Training.
- Suggestion: Training should be enhanced and target house specific safety
- Read and Signs for yearly safety guides were questioned as to effectiveness.

G. Kathy D'A asked about supervisors in IRA's. Sue Ann discussed various levels of supervision. Discussed first and secondary route for fire drills. Who has responsibility for over-all Fire Safety at the DDSO's? The DDSO's Health and Safety local committee and the operations person.

Process is: local H&S to regional H&S to the statewide H&S.

OMRDD statewide H&S: Does not dictate

Offers guidance and suggestions

Collects information

H. Central NY: Radon Gas Issue in building – elevated levels

Prevention being done: Pre-located people from building while preventative measures occur.

I. Mold Issue: PSI contract for mold testing Walsh Day Hab will continue to utilize the building for office space.

Matt G. stated there would be more visual inspections per year; Ed S. discussed ICF vs. non ICF regulations. Another issue to consider is Outside Air Source. Sue Ann H. reported that IRA safety issues go to the local DDSO health and safety committees and then to Operations.

J. BIP: Matt G.: revision of policy is not completed
Classification and Compensation will determine BIP components

K. Workplace Violence: Sue Ann Hart reported:
There are 9 DDSO's on line at this time.
6 DDSO's are not in compliance at this time. Broome is in substantial compliance with Valley Ridge being brought up to standard. Mid-Hudson is 50% in compliance.

L. Kathy D'A discussed 'Worker's Memorial Day and memorializing the workers.

Next meetings: Tuesday July 28, 2009; Tuesday October 27, 2009.
1:00 pm @ PEF Headquarters

Respectfully Submitted;

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