

**State of New York/Public Employees Federation Statewide Health and Safety
Committee
Minutes of Meeting on 4/7/09**

Attending for NYS: Chuck Vejvoda, GOER (co-chair); Sue Solomon, DOH; Ed Kucskar, ENCON

Attending for PEF: Kathy D'Arminio, OTDA (co-chair); Bob Varano, DOL; Juana Williams, OMRDD; Ed Snow, OMRDD; Jonathan Rosen, PEF.

1) Summary of NYS/PEF H&S Conference- March 19-21, 2009

The Conference was successfully conducted on March 19-21, 2009. With over 400 participants and record attendance in all of the workshops, it was the largest conference to date.

2) Update on ENCON SHIP Application

The committee met and approved the SHIP grant application submitted by ENCON on March 23, 2009. This is a one day safety and health training program for Pesticide Control Specialists; it is scheduled for September 24, 2009 at PEF Headquarters.

3) AED Program Status – Update on Agency Implementation - OMRDD

Chuck Vejvoda informed that the AED program was in place. Tracking of the program is computerized; members certified through training are tracked by the system

The person in charge of OMRDD AED program is Kathy Keating. Per Ed Snow, AED training is still an issue at OMRDD for locations that have small numbers of staff and or residents.

4) Review of Outstanding SHIP Applications

Western NY DDSO, OMRDD: additional info was requested on ASAP and Workplace Violence Solutions programs because the proposals did not meet the funding criteria. NO further information was sent to the committee by WNDDSO. Therefore, the committee voted to deny the proposals.

SUNY Syracuse: the committee discussed two proposals - SPH & Movement Training (\$14,991) and Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (\$12,500). The SPH proposal lacked information about how the training equipment would be procured, if it matched facility equipment, etc. It was suggested to call or meet with SUNY, discuss the grant and update the proposal, as needed. Kathy will reach out and arrange the meeting. Nonviolent Crisis Intervention – the training is clearly needed, but committee members questioned if it is appropriate to use Article 18 funds to pay for it? The committee has taken a position that it will not fund routine training required by the Workplace Violence Prevention Law, but will fund training that goes above and beyond the law. Differences between routine WPV Program training and enhanced WPV Program training will be discussed at the SPH Grant Meeting in SUNY.

5) Indoor Air Quality Training

A two day Indoor Air Quality Program is scheduled for June 22-23, 2009 at the Corning Tower, Albany NY. Per the MOU, the cost for trainers will be covered by joint Article 18 funds.

A one Day IAQ Program related to Building Renovations and Constructions is being planned for the fall of 2009.

6) Safe Patient Handling Initiatives

The Committee discussed the possibilities for the SPH Conference. Kathy is working with Barbara Stanley (DOL) to set up one day conference on SPH, preferably regionally, to avoid travel related expenses. Jonathan mentioned the possibility of PEF & CSEA jointly funded conference, bringing in trainers, vendors and other specialists. Chuck will need to review the budget before any decisions are made.

7) SIF Representative - explain the Connects and the Connects Plus systems

Status-Quo. Chuck Vejvoda has been in contact with Civil Service representative and waiting to hear back. The issue is being followed up on.

8) Status of Firearms Training and Safety Incentive Program Memo

The memo was issued on March 6, 2009 to specific Agencies, and was also e-mailed out. Funding for this newly negotiated incentive is in Article 18 and also the committee was assigned to develop criteria for the incentive.

9) Agency Health & Safety Labor/Management Chair one day conference – March 2010

The Committee discussed sponsoring a one day conference in 2010 for L/M Chairs and designated representatives, with approximately 80 participants. Main goal - encourage L/M committees' cooperation, strengthen existing and build new committees.

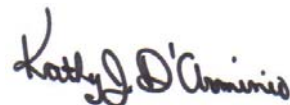
10) Elements Based – Proposed Program Initiatives (PPT)

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Committee will meet again on 06/30/2009 at PEF Headquarters.



Charles Vejvoda, New York State



Kathy D'Arminio, PEF