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WorkSafe Colorado Occupational Health and Safety Network Implementation Meeting

Date: April 4, 2011
Time: 9:00-11:00 AM (MST)
Location: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
4200 Cherry Creek Drive South, Building A, Roy Cleere Conference Room
Hosted by: CDPHE, Occupational Health Surveillance Program

Attendees:

- Amy Warner, CDPHE Occupational Health Surveillance Program
- Brenda Hardwick, State of Colorado Risk Management
- Cecile Rose, National Jewish Health
- Cindy Deutsch, Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center
- Dianne Tobias, Pinnacol Assurance
- Elizabeth Dalsey, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Gene Hook, Denver Environmental Health
- Greg Marsh, Greg K. Marsh and Assoc. LLC
- Karen Mulloy, Denver Health Center for Occupational Safety and Health
- Kelly Webb, Rocky Mountain College of Agriculture Art & Design
- Lynette Myers, CDPHE Environmental Leadership Program Coordinator
- Mauricio Palacio, CDPHE Office of Health Disparities
- Megan Bisek, Denver Health Center for Occupational Safety and Health
- Meredith Towle, CDPHE Occupational Health Surveillance Program
- Shireen Banerji, Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center
- Yvonne Boudreau, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Phone Attendees:

- Steve Reynolds, CSU, High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety

Agenda, Notes & Action Items:

1) Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was started with introductions and updates from participants. We briefly discussed the three main goals of the WorkSafe Colorado [Strategic Plan](#), reviewing some of the history in developing these goals, and what the CDPHE's role is in facilitating the network efforts toward those goals.

Updates included:

- The MAP ERC is hosting the first Occupational Health and Energy Summit on April 13th. Information on the agenda and registration was sent to the group after the meeting.
- Denver Environmental Health received a \$2 million HUD grant for lead abatement work, which also includes developing and providing training on safe work practices.

- The Governor's office has tasked the Department of Public Administration (DPA) to improve the safety of state employees at work. Brenda Hardwick (Brenda.hardwick@state.co.us) is involved with this effort through the new Championing Health & Safety Everyday (CHASE) program.
- The CSU Ag Center (HICAHS) and the MAP ERC are facing the challenge of a proposed in the President's 2012 budget.
- The CDPHE Occupational Health Surveillance Program provided a briefing to the Board of Health in March. The program was very well received and asked to return for in the fall for an update and to propose changes to reportable conditions.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Develop a spreadsheet which describes network partners, including a main contact and what resources and/or programs they offer for prevention of occupational injury/illness.
 - Create a template and send out to e-mail distribution list to have partners complete
- Post/disseminate information about the Occupational Health Surveillance Program Advisory Committee (who is on it, frequency of meetings, topics to be addressed)

2) Implementation Work-Groups (small group breakout discussions)

a. Create a Formal Infrastructure

ACTION ITEMS:

- Create job descriptions and solicit nominations for a WorkSafe Colorado leadership panel. This panel of 4-5 network partners will have a major role in assisting the CDPHE to create meeting agenda and leading group work in implementing steps to achieve network goals.
- Develop a "Tox-Call" hotline for network partners to contact the CDPHE for help with occupational health issues and to report sentinel events/emerging issues.

b. Develop and Market Messages

Participants really liked the efforts of the MAPERC Marketing Messages survey project and felt this would be a great resource. Some had been interviewed and felt it sparked ideas for them to do more for prevention messages to their constituents.

We also discussed 1) What information WorkSafe Colorado partners need to receive and how to best disseminate that information? 2) What information WorkSafe Colorado should disseminate out to the community/employers/other constituents?

ACTION ITEMS:

- Market Messages Survey Project
 - Include more professional associations (i.e. Home Builders Association, Public Risk Management Association, Colorado Oil & Gas Association)
 - Survey respondents on reaching workers with limited English proficiency and literacy.
- Expand upon the Talking Points/White Paper document
 - To better engage businesses, include explanation about how industries are identified as being "high risk". Include references for more information.

- Include points about improved economics as a result of prevention of injuries/illness
- Develop and disseminate WorkSafe Colorado “Issue Briefs”. These would be short, focused and frequent e-mails to the distribution list with updates on:
 - Public health surveillance data
 - Sentinel events/emerging issues specific to Colorado
 - Work-site investigations facilitated by the CDPHE
 - Updates on resources/meetings for occupational health and safety professionals
 - Success stories of Colorado businesses
- Develop a website for WorkSafe Colorado: CDPHE has purchased the domain names worksafecolorado.org and .com. The CDPHE cannot house non-CDPHE web-content on their servers. We need to identify a server to host the site, and investigate costs of developing content.
- Be thinking about ways to provide Colorado businesses open access to technical assistance through peer-mentorship or networking connections.

3) Next Steps

- The CDPHE will facilitate completion of identified action items with the help of network partners.
- The next meeting will be **Monday, June 6, 2011 at 9:00-11:00 AM**. The CDPHE will invite students currently working on occupational health surveillance and WorkSafe projects to present their findings.

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