WORKSAFE COLORADO

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, August 6, 2012

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Building A Rachel Carson Meeting Room (1st floor)

Denver, CO 80246

Attendees:

Amy Warner

• Brenda Hardwick

• Corey Campbell

• Dianne Tobias

• Elizabeth Dalsey

• Gene Hook

Greg Marsh

Herb GibsonKen Scott

• Marty Ortanez

• Meredith Towle

• Michele Heinzman

Sharon West

• Shireen Banerji

• Stephanie Minnaert

• Trish Ennis

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Yvonne Boudreau

1) Updates

- NIOSH Western States
 - ➤ Hazard Alert on Exposure to Silica During Hydraulic Fracturing: http://www.osha.gov/dts/hazardalerts/hydraulic_frac_hazard_alert.html
 - Tsering forwarded this to Colorado's Local and Regional Environmental Health Directors
 - California OSH programs developed a letter to oil & gas mine operators on this topic, and provided a list of state operators to CO, WY, and NM. The CDPHE Occupational Program intends to mail the letter soon.
 - ➤ Blog on Fracking risks: http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2012/05/silica-fracking/
 - ➤ Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/
 - ➤ WestON Meeting September 20-21, 2012 in Denver.

 http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/maperc/training/weston/Pages/default.aspx
- MAP ERC
 - > Participated in the recent Public Health Academy program involving 25-30 students from primarily the Aurora school district:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/Academics/degreesandprograms/Pages/pipelineprograms.aspx

- Launched a new, online CIH certification test prep course/forum: www.cihonline.org
- ➤ Check out <u>www.mantherapy.com</u>, a new resource to address the high rates of suicide among working age men in Colorado.
- > (Jeff) Taylor Moore, former ERC trainee now working at CDPHE in suicide prevention.
- CDPHE Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance Program
 - > NIOSH surveillance funding renewed through July 2013
 - > HICAHS-funded Pesticide Applicator Survey Study underway
 - ➤ The new CDPHE websites are schedule to launch August 29.
 - > Upcoming presentations at:
 - AIHA/ASSE Fall Technical Conference, Sept 25th, Arvada (http://www.aiha-rms.org/)
 Topic: Surveillance Program Update
 - CPHA, Sept 21st, Pueblo (<u>http://www.coloradopublichealth.org/</u>) Topic: Benefits of Worksite Wellness
 - > Dr. Thomas Frieden (CDC Director) visiting Colorado in October.
 - Yvonne has shared with Amy/Meredith what the NIOSH WSO was asked to prepare for his visit.
- 2) Census of Fatal Occupational Illness and Injury (Presented by Meredith Towle and Michele Heinzman)
 - Provided review of the program, methods, and data sources
 - Comment: Less than 20% of fatalities are investigated by OSHA
 - Discussion: Are there opportunities to improve data dissemination with anonymous event narratives, digital story telling? Potentially providing industry-specific fatality reports? Could CDPHE include some information about how to respond to fatalities on the job in our annual CFOI reports?
 - Action: The NIOSH WSO has requested the Colorado research file from the BLS CFOI national office. They will discuss use of those data with CDPHE when obtained.
- 3) Evaluating the Impact of a Health Risk Management Program on Employees' Health Risks, Workers' Compensation Costs, and Productivity (Presented by Ken Scott)
 - Showcased very preliminary data from a study conducted by a worker's compensation carrier, in partnership with the MAP ERC.
 - Study involves implementation and evaluation of comprehensive worksite wellness program among worker's compensation policyholders.
 - Study is on-going through 2016. Findings to-date are not sufficient to draw conclusions.
- 4) Committee Updates
 - Leadership
 - New Executive Board met on July 16th.
 - > Focus will be development of a "Safe Workplace Proclamation" for signature by Governor Hickenlooper.
 - Goal is to have the proclamation on our website so companies can also sign in support.
 - ➤ ASSE and other groups are working to include OSH measures as part of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Framework, a framework for reporting sustainability data and outcomes for corporations and CEO's. https://www.globalreporting.org/Pages/default.aspx

- Marketing Messages
 - Diane and Meredith were scheduled to interview a UCD student on Aug 16th for the website development internship. The candidate unfortunately did not show or call to reschedule.

Next meeting on Monday, October 1st, 9:00-11:00