WORKSAFE COLORADO

Date: Monday, October 1, 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: Ken Scott, Meredith Towle, Sharon West, Greg Marsh, Stephanie Minnaert, Diane Tobias, Gene Hook, Alysa Haas, Marty Otanez, Trish Ennis, Liz Couture, Liz Dalsey, Amy Warner, Carol Runyan, Yvonne Boudreau

Presentation: *Setting an Agenda for Advancing Young Worker Safety*
Carol Runyan, MPH, PhD

Vulnerable Workers Conference – June
Young people defined as workers <18 years of age. Canadians think of workers up to age 25 years.
Benefits of Work

- The literature on the value of work and delinquency among youth is mixed. Carol is interested in exploring that further.
- Federal labor laws apply to those <18 years of age and include 17 hazardous orders that prohibit youth for doing at work. States can make their laws more strict.
- Fatalities occur at a higher rate among 18-19 year olds over 16-17 year olds.
- Occupation often not properly coded in injuries and fatalities for youth. Their occupation is often coded as "student".
- Worksafe British Columbia has done a lot of youth work interventions (Mickey Keyhorn, NIOSH funded a group at Berkley and at UCLA to do some evalution)

Group Discussion
Where do the fines go? Are they put back to solving the issue? In Colorado, OSHA collects the fines, so the group suspects that the fines go to the feds.

How does minimum wage affect
Are there any patterns on how industry supports/derails effective regulations? The agricultural industry.

Sharon will find out what Dept. of Labor has available for educating youth workers and their parents. NIOSH has a young worker safety page with a curriculum to get into schools.

Health disparities/immigrants
Theater performance to describe worker health and safety issues
Money – flow of money.
Have a business owner/or representative come and talk about their own health and safety programs.
Loran
Structural Causes of Occupational Health and Safety.
Hydraulic Fracking

10:15-11:00 Member Announcements

Executive Committee Updates
Safe workplace proclamation
Funding opportunities
Website development internship

Next meeting: Monday, December 3rd, 9:00-11:00