

Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC) Meeting
September 17, 2024 - 3:00-4:00 p.m.
EHS Training Room & Zoom

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome (3:00 – 3:05 p.m.) Martha Morton
2. Open Forum (3:05 – 3:10 p.m.)
3. Old Business
 - A. Update on EPA DCM rule, Heat Stress proposal (3:10 – 3:15 p.m.) Brenda Osthus
 - B. Any Old Business (3:15 – 3:20 p.m.)
4. New Business
 - A. Emergency planning & preparedness (3:20 – 3:30 p.m.) Abby Schletzbaum
 - B. Resource: SNR Emergency Preparedness (3:30 – 3:40 p.m.) Dennis Ferraro
 - C. Wellness Fair October 22, 2024 (3:40 – 3:50 p.m.) Elizabeth Howe
 - D. Other new business (3:50 – 3:55 p.m.)
5. Reminder of next meeting & Adjourn Martha Morton

Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 (EHS training room, Warehouse 1, East Campus and Zoom)

- November 19, 2024 (kept on 3rd Tues as date does not fall Thanksgiving Week)
(Injury/Illness report July-September 2024)
- January 21, 2025 (Injury/Illness report October-December 2024)
- March 25, 2025 (4th Tuesday to avoid spring break) - Open Forum
- May 20, 2025 (Injury/Illness report January-March 2025)
- July 15, 2025 (Injury/Illness report April-June 2025)

Goal FY 2024-2025:

Develop, review, and maintain lines of safety communication while fostering a culture of safety awareness, where everyone is encouraged to report “near misses” and unsafe practices. Use safety reports as lessons learned to share anonymously throughout the university to prevent reoccurrences/similar incidents.

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The September meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, Martha Morton.

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves by name and the department/facility they represent.

Members In Attendance: Ron Bacon (Custodial Services), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Rick Campos (FP&C Fire Inspector), Abby Schletzbaum (UNLPD), Brent Morgan (Libraries), Deb Royal (Vet Diagnostic), Samantha Link (ARD Greenhouse), Jingjie Hao (Nutrition & Health Science), Zhiguang (Zach) Sun (NCMN), Jacob Sharrer (HEP), Mike Livingston (Agronomy & Horticulture) and Brenda Osthus (EHS).

Open Forum

There is no university-wide contract or program supporting AED purchase. Purchasing and maintaining AEDs is currently up to individual departments. Martha Morton told the group about a Cintas program available to facilitate purchase and regular maintenance for a monthly fee. Martha will research the possibility of support by upper administration from the standpoint of public health.

Several members provided anecdotal information on how their department decided to purchase an AED and how they handle ensuring regular maintenance.

For AEDs installed within Lincoln city limits, equipment may be registered on-line through the Lincoln Fire Department's website, <https://aedregistry.pulsepoint.org/>. The process is very simple and asks for basic information. The free PulsePoint® AED app for Android or iPhone exists to crowdsource lifesaving AED location information. Anyone can add AED locations to the app.

OLD BUSINESS

Brenda Osthus provided a reminder about the web form on the EHS website, Spotlight section, left side of the landing page, that should be completed by anyone who uses Methylene Chloride or is aware of product or use in their work area. This web form facilitates collection of information to allow EHS to work with the campus community to comply with EPA's new methylene chloride rules.

Moving forward, there will be regulatory obligations such as exposure assessments by May 2025 followed by routine exposure monitoring, personal protective equipment evaluation and more.

Martha shared the Chemistry Department plan for identifying currently available/in use DCM as well as how Chemistry will manage new orders by researchers moving forward. There was an inquiry about using a respirator to mitigate the hazard this chemical presents. Brenda informed the group that use of a respirator may not be initiated without contacting EHS for enrollment in the UNL Respiratory Protection Program to fulfil the various required components such as medical evaluation to determine fitness to use a respirator, training on using a respirator, fit testing to ensure the correct respirator will be used and check by EHS staff on correct fit. Under EPA's methylene chloride rule, only SCBAs or supplied air respirators are acceptable if exposure limits are exceeded; air-purifying respirators are not acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS

Heat Stress and New Occupational Health Service

Brenda also let the group know that the EHS Heat Stress Safe Operating Procedure has been updated to reflect proposed changes to the OSHA heat injury and illness prevention regulations. The proposed rule establishes an initial heat trigger of a heat index of 80°F and high heat trigger at a heat index of 90°F. When a trigger is hit, the employer is required to take certain remedial steps. This will impact a number of university areas such as landscape, field work, custodial, greenhouses and other conditions that could lead to initiation of the heat trigger. Review the EHS Safe Operating titled "Heat Stress" for updated information.

Company Care, who has been providing occupational health services for some time, recently informed UNL that they were ceasing operations. HR made arrangements with Madonna to provide pre-employment physicals, care of injured workers and bloodborne pathogen exposures, annual physicals as required and so on. The initial contact is through a Madonna Fit for Work hotline during specific hours. Information for the campus community was available within the EHS Safe Operating Procedure titled "On-the-Job and Student Injuries."

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

Abby Schletzbaum told the group that she is working with personnel who maintain the safety.unl.edu website to have a digital version of documents such as Emergency

Action Plan available in a format that campus users can download and fill in. The website team is also working to identify and repair broken links.

The question was posed as to whether Abby will be asking departments to submit their Emergency Building/Action Plans in the fall. Abby indicated this process is ongoing. Emergency plans can be sent at any time to preparedness@unl.edu. These documents are uploaded into the Police GIS system so they can be accessed in the event of an emergency situation.

A concern was raised by the School of Natural Resources about the limited capacity to lock/unlock classrooms during a 24-hr period. It is possible to set up only 3 lock/unlock sessions. Abby suggested assignment of a door monitor as a solution. Another possibility would be to set up classrooms on keycard access. Brent Freeman suggested efforts to raise awareness of options in the event of campus violence.

Abby reminded the group that she is available for scheduling training or tabletop exercises on active shooter/violence in the workplace scenarios.

Resource: SNR Emergency Preparedness

Due to illness and class schedule conflicts this was not available for this meeting and will be moved to the next meeting.

Wellness Fair October 22, 2024

The group was made aware of the October 22, 2024, Wellness Fair from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the Coliseum. The CUSC would like to participate in this annual event. Martha earlier had asked EHS to put together a PowerPoint show comprised of all the Heads Up! and Plan Ahead graphics at this event. That show was played for committee review and will be available to play continuously on a laptop at the CUSC booth. Elizabeth Howe will coordinate 30-minute shifts and provide a handout/short script suggestion to engage those visiting the CUSC booth. There will be a backup plan in case Elizabeth or Martha is unexpectedly unavailable that day.

While on the topic of Heads Up!, Martha reminded all that the inaugural batch of yard signs had been stolen. Martha recently reached out to Jennifer PeeksMease, Assistant VC, Inclusive Learning and Leadership, to solicit \$200 for purchase of replacement Heads Up! yard signs.

Other New Business

There was no other new business.

CLOSING REMARKS

Martha Morton, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm. The next meeting will be on November 19, 2024.