

Health and Safety Minutes 1/7/15

Present: Misha Chernisky, Robyn Herring, Beth Hesketh, Matt Lebens, John McLain, Andi Seabert, Ed Sorger

Guests: Nicole Ack, Susie Seip

Minutes: Lebens

1) Minutes Approval

-Minutes from December meeting were reviewed and approved with one change. Susan Camp attended the Regional Infection Control Meeting, not Beth Hesketh.

2) Illness/Injury Reports

-Committee reviewed illness/injury report list from December-present (minimal).

3) Committee Membership

-John McLain discussed the need to connect with the SSSSU steward in order to get a new appointment to replace Allie Van Nostran. It should be noted Allie, recently departed from Evergreen, was the SSSSU steward. No word regarding appointment of a new steward either. John stated he would also update the website to create an accurate reflection of current committee.

4) Ebola

-Dwindling to the extent of no further monitoring in Thurston County at this time.

5) Influenza

-Present on campus and within surrounding community. Questions were asked about vaccine's viability in respect to prominent strain. Questions were also asked about best vaccination option for those allergic to eggs. Beth Hesketh stated she would follow up with Health Center staff on both counts. Beth also stated the Health Center still has a stock of the quadrivalent vaccine.

6) Wellness Committee

-Nicole Ack spoke to the committee about the work of the Evergreen Wellness Committee. The committee acts as part of the classified bargaining unit to provide comprehensive activities meeting a 3-class standard. They offer a variety of activities for a variety of interests.

-Susie Seip announced the Wellness Committee is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday April 29, 11:00a – 3:00p in the library 3rd floor lobby. With the approval of supervisors, staff may attend up to one hour as part of the paid training benefit. Health

and Safety Committee members expressed interest in tabling at the fair. For continued discussion: development of questions to add to survey administered at fair; plan for incentivizing survey participation via drawing – bike helmets, locks, etc.; create drop box for H&S questions/concerns at fair table.

-Wellness guests and Health and Safety Committee discussed partnering to promote ergonomic best practices. Both also discussed partnering to create more bottle filling stations on campus.

-Wellness guests and Health and Safety Committee discussed developing a process, web links perhaps, for promoting the work of each committee. Health and Safety would promote Wellness, Wellness would promote Health and Safety.

7) Other Business

-The committee discussed whether or not it is necessary to provide more hand sanitizing stations. There is some concern about the spread of conjunctivitis at the Computer Center.

8) Closing

-Meeting adjourned.

-Next meeting Wednesday Feb 4.

ACTION ITEMS

Beth – Gather clarification regarding flu vaccine questions.

John – Reach out to SSSSU for new appointee. Update website.

All – Develop H&S questions for Health and Wellness Fair survey. We'll identify key contenders at next meeting.