

MINUTES
HEALTH AND SAFETY CLINIC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 Wednesday, February 7, 2001 (Student Health Service)

Members Present: Marie Zeldon (Chair), Nancy Ferguson, Liska Lackey, Stephanie Lowther, Brian Brave, Dr. Enrique Platin, Mary Crabtree (HSO Liaison)
Members Absent: Mike Proctor, Jean Dawson Barbour, Cathie Rogers

1. *Introductions & Minutes*

Meeting called to order. Minutes of November 8, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. *Report of Clinic Environment*

Workplace Safety Statistics reported as of February 2, 2001 for 4th quarter 2000 and January 2001

Type of Injury	
Disease Exposure	15
Falls	3
Struck Against Object	1
Bodily Reactions	2
Caught in/un/btwn	1
Accident Type/Other	2
Struck by Object/person	1
Repetitive Motion	3

From the 15 disease exposures: 4 needlesticks, 7 TB exposure, and 4 miscellaneous instruments. The committee requested that Crabtree follow-up with the Needlestick that occurred on June 28, 2000 but was not reported until December 2000. Liska Lackey reported changes to the bloodborne exposures log to include the activity and device. The clinic committee will be reviewing this information to determine ways to minimize or eliminate the exposure. Lackey also reported on the exposure based on job categories.

Bloodborne Exposure	1999	2000
MD/NP	43	27
RN/LPN	15	3
Dentist	4	3
Dental Asst/Hygienist	10	10
Div. TEACCH	2	1
Med Tech/Lab Assist	2	1
Other	4	5

3. *Committee Actions*

The committee reviewed the first Clinical Newsletter. This newsletter includes a message from the chair; HSO training dates; Why Immunization and TB are required; Placing Work Orders with Facilities Service for University Departments; Replacing Light Bulbs in University Buildings. Everyone was please with the layout of the newsletter. A few minor changes were made, and then the committee approved it. The newsletter will be created at least twice a year and placed on the Health and Safety website next to the committee minutes. Since this is the first newsletter, the committee requested that it be attached to all clinical departments and individual employee compliance reports that HSO generates. Ideas were discussed for the next newsletter. Possible articles include: What Needlestick Task Force is Looking for?; Importance or reporting workplace incidents; more on how to prevent exposures etc. Lowther suggested that everyone start generating a file with possible ideas for the future.

No new business was presented to the chair.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2001 from 2:00 – 3:30 at Student Health Service, 2nd Floor Administrative East Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm