

MINUTES
HEALTH AND SAFETY CLINIC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 10, 2000 (Ambulatory Care Center)

Members Present: Nancy Ferguson, Tricia Mitchell (Chair), Liska Lackey, Cindy Taylor, Marie Zeldon, Ronnie Allen, Cathi Rogers, Mary Crabtree (HSO Liaison)
Members Absent: Pauline Edwards, Tony Green, Dr. Enrique Platin, Jean Dawson Barbour, Mike Proctor, Ann W. Hackney
Guest: Bill Rutala

1. *Introductions & Minutes*

Meeting called to order. Minutes of February 9, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. *Report of Clinic Environment*

Workplace Safety Statistics for February – April 30, 2000

Type of Injury	
Disease Exposure	8
Falls (all types)	7
Accident Type/Other	3
Bodily Reactions	3
Struck by Object/Person	5
Caught in/un/between	1
Repetitive Motion	1
Toxic Material Exposure	1

From the 8 disease exposures: 2 needlesticks, 3 not specified, 1 instrument, 1 Syphilis, 1 Meingiococcenia

Concerns were raised that there were some disease exposures not included in this report. Crabtree explained that those cases might not have been reported to HSO. She stated that she would follow-up with the Workers' Compensation Manager.

Clinic-related hazardous incidents reported to the Health and Safety Office during that same time period were reviewed: 8 were odor calls and 4 were small chemical spills. None resulted in an employee injury. Chapel Hill Fire Department responded to 2 EMS calls and 6 Fire Alarms.

3. *Committee Actions*

Bill Rutala announced that the Hospital would be assuming occupational safety and health responsibilities for the Healthcare System employees. This transition is tentatively scheduled for June 11th. Healthcare System employees will begin receiving orientation notices sometime in May. Meetings are being scheduled with Health and Safety to discuss who will conduct fire drills, spill clean-ups, fumehoods, statement of conditions, workers' compensation, and medical records. Crabtree stated that employee immunization and safety training records would be generated and forwarded to the Hospital after receiving final list of transferring employees.

The committee also discussed the restructuring of the Clinic Environment Safety Committee membership make-up. Committee members who have a significant amount of University employees after the Healthcare transition will be asked to continue representing their department. Also, the membership requirement for the committee may be reduced from 12 to 6 members.

The next committee meeting is pending the transition of Healthcare System.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm