

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY CLINIC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, September 6, 2000 (Student Health Service)

**Members Present:** Marie Zeldon (Chair), Nancy Ferguson, Liska Lackey, Ronnie Allen, Cathi Rogers, Dr. Enrique Platin, Brian Brave, Mary Crabtree (HSO Liaison)  
**Members Absent:** Pauline Edwards, Jean Dawson Barbour, Mike Proctor, Viki Hackney

**1. *Introductions & Minutes***

Meeting called to order. Minutes of May 10, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**2. *Report of Clinic Environment***

Workplace Safety Statistics reported for May – August 25, 2000

Type of Injury	
Disease Exposure	21
Falls (all types)	6
Accident Type/Other	4
Bodily Reactions	3
Struck against Object	4
Rubbed/abraded by object	1
Caught in/un/between	2
Repetitive Motion	1
Vehicle or Equipment	1

From the 21 disease exposures: 1 2 needlesticks, 3 TB Exposures, 4 Instrument, 1 Hep A, 1 Splatter Urine

At the last meeting concerns were raised that some disease exposures were not reflected in the last report. Crabtree updated the committee on her discussion with the Workers' Compensation Manager. Apparently there was an exposure to TB that happened the same day as PPDs were being placed. The employees were not instructed to complete an injury report by the nurse. This incident has been corrected and injury reports are being completed.

Clinic-related hazardous incidents reported to the Health and Safety Office during that same time period were reviewed: 2 were odor calls, 1 dried blood, 1 broken thermometer, 1 toaster oven fire. None resulted in an employee injury.

**3. *Committee Actions***

Marie Zeldin has accepted the position of chair for the Clinic Committee. The committee appreciates her commitment to lead the Clinic Committee.

Crabtree announced that the new Health and Safety Director, Peter Reinhardt, will be starting on September 25, 2000. He is coming from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Crabtree will be coordinating with him for attendance at the next committee meeting.

Goals for 2000-2001 – The committee discussed and accepted the following goals for the next fiscal year.

1. Continue the review of workplace incidents involving work-related fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in the clinic environment.
2. Review health and safety policies and procedures and recommend changes to the Pan University Safety Policy Committee (PUSPC).
3. Look at ways to increase compliance with annual PPD. The areas the committee will be investigating are: support for enforcement, conditions of employment, financial coverage of ppd placement, and employee needs.

4. Look at developing a clinic committee newsletter to increase awareness and educate staff on issue such as safety in healthcare and compliance.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, November 8 from 2:00 – 3:30 at Student Health Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Administrative East Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm