MINUTES
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH and CLINICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 10, 2019

Members Present: Matthew Hawkins, Mary Beth Koza, Benny Burton, Debra Bergman, Jane Kerwin, John Sledge, Tracy Wetherby Williams

1. Review and approval of minutes from September 20, 2018 meeting. Matthew Hawkins made a motion to accept minutes with agreed upon correction and John Sledge seconded the motion.

2. Matt Hawkins lead a discussion on the Influenza season and the SOM outcomes. For credentialed faculty in the School of Medicine, there was a 99.9% compliance level. Other disciplines, eg: psychiatry was at a 92%. Mr. Hawkins contributes the level of compliance to possible revocation of hospital privilege if not in compliance.

3. Debra Bergman provided a short summary of general injuries occurring in the clinic environment with a pronounced increase in fall, slips and trips attributing to the snow event in December. Mary Beth Koza provided a summary of OSHA summary for 2018 and the Accident Investigation Program in effective. According to Ms. Koza, only 22 incidents were not investigated which represents less then 10%. Increased presence on campus and development of relationships with the various departments has aided in an awareness as to the EHS role in safety across campus.

4. M. Hawkins provided an in depth report of the combined training initiate currently underway. Apparently test runs of the system have failed when pulling data from LMP to Epic. The committee is committed to project and therefore, quarterly updates will continue to be placed on the agenda. The purpose of the initiate is to eliminate the need for duplicate training for clinical workers. Content of training units has already been reviewed and approved. Note: New Employee Safety training programs will still be mandatory, the initiate is focused on the annual refresher trainings.

5. M. Hawkins provided an update on information and news from the USSC meeting held on December 6, 2018. A key point was transitioning procedures to policy standards. EHS has taken the step toward this goal; identifying specific chapters as policy in lieu of whole programs being introduced as policy.

    Also, reminder of Fire Protection policies and that permitting procedures are in place for any department engaging in an event that includes open flames.

6. Discussion on annual goals; approaches to obtaining and utilizing supervisor information for individuals sustaining blood exposure was tabled by Mary Beth Koza until the next meeting.

7. Date was set for next Occupational Health and Clinical Safety Committee meeting to be hold on March 21, 2019 at 1:30; AHEC Building, fifth floor conference room.

Next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm