



**Health Sciences Center  
Safety Committee  
Meeting Notes**

**Thursday, August 25, 2016**

**1:30PM**

**Attended:**

- Kim Bryner

- Kevin Engels

- Pat Callery

- Bob Cook

-Angela Lemmon (Recording Secretary)

**New Business:**

Kimberly Bryner: (HSC Safety Office)

- Natalie Caravasos is now the Manager for the HSC Safety Office. She was the interim beginning in April, but recently became the permanent Manager.
- Kim received a report that personnel were not wearing proper PPE when dispensing liquid nitrogen and obtaining dry ice in the loading dock cage. People using these substances have not been wearing cryogenic gloves, eye and face protection, or proper, standard laboratory PPE (long pants, closed-toed shoes, lab coat). There have been several incidents with splashes from liquid nitrogen. A new nozzle for the end of the filling hose was purchased and installed to help minimize the splashing.
  - Pat Callery suggested that signage be put up. Kim said that she is re-doing the forms that are used. People will have to sign a form regarding appropriate PPE use before they dispense the substances.
  - Pat Callery wondered how post docs that work after hours can get access to liquid nitrogen. Kim will check on this issue for Pat.
- Kim reminded everyone that the training sheets are due at the end of the month.
- The spreadsheet that lists everyone that has had training, or needs training, will be sent out as well.

- Compressed gas cylinder training is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> for HSC employees. This is an in-person training and anyone who uses gas cylinders should take the training.
- On September 15, 2016, there will be an EPA/OSHA in-person training from 9-11:30AM in the Hostler Auditorium.
  - Pat asked if employees should have training before being in the lab?
  - Kim stated that ideally that would be best, but they should take the training as soon as they can.
- Currently interviewing for position of Safety Specialist in the HSC Safety Office. Four people have come in for in person interviews. Hoping to have new employee in the Safety Office soon.
- The new cafeteria is now open.
- OLAR – there are 4 candidates interviewing for the position of Attending Vet.
- First Aid/CPR/AED Training offered each month. Register on line at Safety and Health Extension.
- The DEP was at WVU in the Engineering department recently. The HSC is overdue for a visit from the DEP. Please stay in compliance.

Kevin Engels: (Physiology)

- New employee in his department. The lab is up and running.
- The new employee will need training. Kevin will let him know about the training on SOLE, as well as the in-person training.
  - Kim stated that she would like to meet with him

Pat Callery: (Pharmacy)

- 2032 lab – Pat asked Kim to check out lab to make sure there are no issues with the lab.

Bob Cook: (OLAR)

- Frank is currently out of the office. Bob will sit in for Frank when he is out.

Kim Bryner: (Safety)

- BRIM inspectors were recently at the HSC. They found abandoned chemicals in BRNI building. However, no one seemed to know how the chemicals got into the area.
- There have been instances of mice in some HSC offices.

The meeting was concluded at 2:00PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016. The meeting will be held 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the HSC Biomedical Facility.

## Old Business:

### Kimberly Bryner: (HSC Safety Office)

- Currently merging websites with EH&S. If you see broken links on the website contact our office.
- EH&S Service Request – HSC has been added to the service request. Request is available at the EH&S website.
  - Natalie stated that once the websites are merged the service request will redirect.
- If you would like anyone in your department to start attending the HSC Safety Committee Meetings, please e mail Kim and she will make sure that their names are added to the reminder list.
- Chemical inventories are due June 1, 2016.
- MUB (Morgantown Utility Board) recently did quarterly sampling. There were high levels of cyanide detected. Please remind everyone in your department that they are not to put anything down the drain unless it is approved.
  - Natalie stated that there was a significant level and if we get to a certain level it could cause problems for the HSC.
  - Pat Callery stated that there is a drug used in the hospital that could be the source for the cyanide.
  - Kim said that if a chemical is not on the approved list it should not go down the drain.
  - Kim reminded everyone to please send a list out to their labs/departments and let everyone know what chemicals are on the approved list.
  - Natalie stated that the re-sample was high. However, it may not be re-checked until regular cycle since it wasn't over the approved amount.
  - Pat Callery asked for the protocol and Natalie stated that she would find that information out for Pat.
- Quarterly training took place at the HSC. The training was for the employees in Facilities Management. There are three different times for these trainings for the different shifts at the HSC. There are different topics every quarter. Some of the trainings are mandatory each year.
- There is a flammable cabinet available if anyone is interested.
  - Kevin Engels stated that he would take the cabinet.
- The Association of Public and Land grant Universities recently issued a document regarding Safety. EHS is reviewing the document and will be working closely with Administration to continue to promote the safety culture at WVU.

Pat Callery: (Pharmacy)

- There is a biosafety cabinet that is still available.

Beth O'Neil: (Pathology)

- Introduced herself. Although she is in Pathology and is employed by the hospital, her work is in a lab at the HSC.

Dana Gray: (Pathology)

- Introduced herself. She is in the Department of Pathology and works at the HSC.

Doug Toothman: (Pathology)

- Introduced himself. He is the Administrator in Pathology. He volunteered to be on the committee.
- Last week there was an outside company brought in to clean the air ducts. However, he nor the department were informed that they would be there. This was during work hours.
  - Natalie stated that there needs to be more communication and that the departments need to be notified.
- Doug stated that the cleaning started at noon. People were concerned about asbestos in the air ducts.
  - Natalie stated that there was no asbestos in the ducts. She will check on the issue as to why there was no communication about the cleaning of the air ducts.
  - Pat Callery stated that if there are outside agencies in the building after hours cleaning air ducts that someone should be there due to confidentiality issues in the offices.
  - Pat Callery also said that when outside agencies are in the building they need to be cautious of the expensive equipment in the offices.
  - Natalie stated that communication needs to go out to the HSC Safety Committee group, as well as to the Chairs of the departments.

Kevin Engels: ((Physiology)

- Introduced himself.
- There will be a new hire in the lab on June 1, 2016.
- There is a work order in place for a fume hood in the lab.
- Checked to see if there was any information on the shavings.
  - Kim stated that there was no information at the present time, but she would check into this for him.

Natalie Caravazos: (HSC Safety Office)

- Introduced herself to the committee.
- She is excited to be here at the HSC. Call her if you have any questions.
- She will be working closely with Facilities Management on all HSC projects.

Claudia EsParza: (HSC Safety Office)

- Jennifer, from EH&S, is currently checking the Safety Shower and Eyewash stations.
  - Natalie stated that the plumbers have been very busy as well. EH&S is helping out.
- Fume Hood testing will begin the first of June.

Ali Elliott: (HSC Safety Office)

- Biohazard waste contract is still in negotiation.
- Will send out quarterly biohazard newsletters to all PI's and committee members.

Patrick Callery: (Pharmacy)

- Discussed the HSC Cafeteria renovations.
  - Natalie stated that the last day is May 6, 2016. There will be food trucks for the summer.
  - Kim stated that the new cafeteria is supposed to be similar to the Evansdale Crossing.
  - Natalie stated that the students can use their meal plans.
  - Doug stated that catering will be gone as well.

At 2:15 PM the meeting was concluded. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 1:30PM. The meeting will take place on the second floor of the Erma Byrd Building.