

El Camino Community College

**Workplace Health & Safety Committee
Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

Present: Michael Clifford, Chris Egnozzi, Christie Killduff, Joseph Saldana, Antonio Saucier, Carl Turano and Valerie Wagner (Recorder).

Absent: Adrian Amjadi, Michael Blada, Robert Brobst, Michael Pascual and Gary Robertson.

- A. Call to Order:** Valerie Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- 1. Minutes:** The May 22, 2019 committee minutes were approved with two corrections.
- 2. Workers' Compensation:** Valerie Wagner reported that there were three injuries for the month of May. The first injury involved an employee who was walking on the track with another employee, when she felt a popping sensation in her left knee, which was followed by acute pain and could not place any weight on her left leg. The employee was transported to the Emergency Room at Little Company of Mary Hospital, then referred to a treating physician at Providence Medical Institute of Torrance. The employee is presently being treated by an Orthopedic Specialist for, deterioration to the left patella or knee cap. The second injury occurred as a weight training instructor was demonstrating power squats to his class and later that evening, began to experience lower back pain. The instructor was treated and later released from care with Bayside Medical Center. The third injury occurred when an employee was walking in a hallway when she slipped on a wet surface and fell. The employee was transported to the Emergency Room at Little Company of Mary Hospital then her treatment was referred to Providence Medical Institute Torrance where she was treated and later released for contusions to both knees and a strain to her left shoulder.
- 3. Office of Safety and Health:** Valerie Wagner reported that on Thursday, June 13, 2019, Michael Pascual, Director of Purchasing & Risk Management, Marisa Lopez, Administrative Assistant to Michael Pascual and herself attended a Webinar on the Measles Outbreak. Valerie Wagner also handed out information from the Measles Webinar to the committee members. At this time, the District has not experienced a Measles Outbreak, but I do foresee the District experiencing an outbreak in the future. According to both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Health, if you have one person diagnosed with the Measles virus, then your Site, officially has an Outbreak since more Measles cases will follow. The virus itself can live for up to 2 hours and is an airborne virus which spreads easily when an infected person(s) either coughs or sneezes. The virus can easily be killed on surfaces with heat, sunlight or simple cleaning solutions. The Office of Purchasing & Risk Management is presently working with Jean Shankweiler, the Vice President of Academic Affairs along with Susan Nilles, Director of the Student Health Services, Lindsey Ludwig, the Coordinator for the International Student Programs, and Christina Gold, Dean of Behavioral & Social Sciences who is also responsible for the Study Abroad Program in developing protocols for both students and staff in preparation, in case the District experiences a Measles Outbreak. I strongly suggest if one is not sure if they are protected or not, then make an appointment with your medical provider and be tested for your immunity against the virus. If one is not immune, I do suggest receiving the recommended vaccinations

against the virus. Once one contracts the virus, their only treatment is to relieve the symptoms associated with the virus.

4. **Safety-Related Work Order Report:** Michael Clifford reported that completion of work order number, 98292 for the repair of the pool lift for deep water is still pending. The Electricians replaced the batteries inside the battery pack, and the equipment is now in working order. I also ordered new positive and negative terminals to replace the existing ones that are damaged. Antonio Saucier reported that work order number, 96512 to replace the existing paper towel dispenser in the Communication Building, has been completed.

5. **Old Business**

Natural Sciences – Christie Killduff asked for an update on the installation of the sound barrier equipment in order to eliminate the noise problem coming from the Autoclave Room. According to Christie Killduff, the noise problem due to the Autoclave Equipment still has not been resolved. ***The permanent solution, we be to have an engineering company to design and install new equipment which requires funding since this equipment is very expensive.***

Christie Killduff also reported that one of the doors to room, LS-108 is not locking properly. Dr. Palos did report this issue to the division office and have the office staff submit FPS work order. ***Per Locksmith, Roy Dietz, work to repair the locking mechanism has been completed.***

Facilities Services – Steve Marselle commented the he had a question concerning the installation of protective covers for the FDC Connectors as noted on the SWACC Inspection Report. Are the covers to be designed to protect against both vehicles from crashing into the FDC Connectors and/or to also protect the connectors from individuals tampering with the equipment? ***Valerie Wagner reported that she discuss this issue with Iris Penales of Keenan and inform Ms. Penales that it is not feasible money wise for the District to install protectors for the FDC Connectors. The valves themselves have a lock/chain system installed on them to lock the valves in place. Therefore, no one can turn the valves unless you have a key to unlock the valves on the connectors. If a vehicle were to crash into one of the connectors, water will shoot up in the air until someone from Facilities would be able to shut the water off.***

Art Department – Adrian Amjadi reported that the final testing for the furnaces will take place soon. The Fine Arts Department recently consolidated Hazardous Waste to be picked up for disposal. ***Michael Clifford reported the installation and testing of the furnaces have been completed.***

Facilities – Robert Brobst reported that Facilities recently sent out an email to Fine Arts, Industry & Technology, and Natural Sciences, informing them to begin the progress of packing their hazardous waste for the scheduled disposal picked - up. The packing will take place a week after graduation in order for the Hazardous Waste Contractor to conduct an inventory and complete the required Hazardous Waste Manifests for the Department of Transportation. The actual Disposal pick up is scheduled to take place sometime before June 30th. ***Chris Egnozzi reported***

that the pick-up of hazardous waste by HTS Environmental Services will have to wait until Robert Brobst returns from vacation since I do not have the authority to complete and sign the necessary manifests.

Facilities is currently working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on obtaining Industrial Waste Water Permits. The District must maintain valid permits for all water clarifying unit locations, sanitary sewer lines, storm lines and drainage systems.

Campus Police – Gary Robertson reported that there needs to be a procedure in place on what to tell our police officers or who does the Police Department contact in the event that a suspect in custody were to either, urinate, defecate or vomit in the back of the patrol car during or before regular business hours. Whose responsibility is to properly clean the police vehicles? Valerie Wagner commented that we have Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP) Kits that are specifically designed for this problem. Valerie Wagner recommended for Campus Police to contact either Gardena, Hawthorne or Torrance Police Departments and find out what these police departments do. Do they clean up the biohazard products themselves or do they contact a company to come out and clean the biohazards?

6. Division Reports:

Construction Technology – Carl Turano reported that there is an on-going safety issue for our HVAC personnel concerning, servicing the Dust Collection System. Presently, HVAC personnel have to work on a ladder in order to clean or service the equipment, which is totally unsafe. Chris Egnozzi reported that present system is not the correct system for collecting dust, but is actually designed for collecting metal particles, and a cat walk should have also been installed. Lift equipment would be preferable, but unfortunately, since the collection system installed is not correct, lift equipment cannot not work. Construction Technology also had a student project, where the students built a shed which unfortunately had the shed built against the Dust Collection System. I have been working with Construction Technology to have the shed removed. The ultimate plan is to install the correct Dust Collection System and have a cat walk installed, which is very costly.

Operations – Antonio Saucier reported that there is an on-going problem with regard to the pigeon problem at the Bookstore Building. My crew is constantly pressure washing to remove feces left by the pigeons. My crew does wear proper protective equipment, but I still am very concerned for my workers.

- 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor, Bookstore Conference Room, 253.