



Minutes

VPP Steering Committee

Meeting Date: May 25, 2004

Meeting Time: 2:00-4:00

Meeting location: Sigma 2/Wanapum Room.

Type of meeting:

VPP Steering Committee

Attendees:

Juan Alvarez, Noble Atkins, Steve Barraclough, Les Blair, Drue Collins, Roby Enge, Julie Fisher, Steve Goheen, Bob Gruel, Janice Haney, Nancy Isern, Kami Lowry, Vern Madson, Tom Marshall, Russ Meicenheimer, John Reck, Mike Schlender, Mike Tinker, Alice VerSteeg, Landon Walker, Pat Wright

Agenda Topics

- **Safety Topic:** Pat Wright – Personal situation: avoid extreme physical positions (like bending wrist) and recognize injuries early. 3H591
- **WS&H Program Improvement Plan:** Cindy Caldwell couldn't make it. Vern reported that the Work Safe plan is moving ahead and will rely on good communications.
- **Safety Performance Improvement Plan:** Bob Gruel – New safety posters have been deployed. Looking to improve communications regarding safety performance and injury/illness prevention. Theme: "Staying Safe @Work, @Home, @Play." Would like to keep the program integrated with VPP initiatives.
- **DOE-VPP 3-year Review:** Noble Atkins – HQ review has been postponed. A new date has not been selected. OSHA/WISHA/Oregon have committed to participate.
- **Craft Resources Injury and Illness Reduction Subcontract:** Pat Wright – Still working to get a procurement in place.
- **Report on VPP Region X conference:** Vern Madson/Steve Goheen – "Decade of Excellence." About 50 Hanford representatives including PNSO representatives. Very good conference. Summaries of sessions attended will be posted on the web.
- **Report on Hanford Site Safety Expo:** John Reck – Two day event/36,000 people attended. Hopeful there will be another Expo next year. Electrical booth was awarded "Best in Show." We will be recognizing City of Richland for their help.
- **VPP Website Update/Statistics:** Julie Fisher – Handouts were provided. The stats for April 2004 can be viewed at [\\webfarm01\web\vppdev\webstats\04_04\vpp.htm](http://webfarm01/web/vppdev/webstats/04_04/vpp.htm). Unique visitors is still strong. Visits from many off-site locations. Porcelain Press and AED videos were very popular.

Subcommittee Reports

- **AED communication:** Alice VerSteege – Another AED being purchased for 326 Building. AED orientations are still being done.
- **Blood Pressure Units:** Steve Goheen – Calibration is an issue of interest (both within the Lab and at the Region X conference. Steve gave an overview of calibration as explained by the manufacturer. Units have a very good track record of reporting within 3mmHg. Only 1-in-1000 are ever found out of calibration. Blood pressure varies throughout the day and the variability surprises people. Roby offered to have the units recalibrated every 3 years. Some units are getting used 15-20 times each day.
- **PREVENT program:** Pat Wright – Recap of PREVENT activities. Looking to get a few more VPP Steering Committee members involved.
- **Budget:** Russ Meicenheimer – Budget is tight. Charges are being made inappropriately. We are looking into the issue and will probably cancel and re-issue WP#s.

Outreach Activities

- Vern Madson, Steve Goheen, Ted Pietrok attended the Region X Conference.
- PNSO originated an idea to use the Porcelain Press special edition about the Ari Patrinos message as a thank you to Ari that was signed by Paul Kruger and Len Peters.

Announcements

- Charter is completed – how are the Appendices coming? No action to report.