



CHILDHOOD AGRICULTURAL SAFETY NETWORK

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Attendees: Aaron Yoder, *Penn State*; Allison DeVries, *HICAHS Center*; Amy Liebamn, *MCN*; Bernard Geschke, *Progressive Ag Foundation*; Charlotte Halverson, *Nat'l Edu Ctr for Ag Safety*; David Hard, *NIOSH*; Deborah Reed, *U of Kentucky*; Dee Jepsen, *Ohio State*; Dane Rohlman, *OHSU*; Ellen Duysen, *U of Nebraska*; Glen Blahey, *CASA*; Jim Carraba, *NYCAM*; LaMar Grafft, *U of Iowa*; Mary Miller, *DOL – Washington*; Norma Flores, *AFOP*; Risto Rautiainen, *CSCASH*; Robin Tutor, *NC Agromedicine Inst.*; Sandra Freeland, *WCASH*; Shari Burgus, *Farm Safety 4 Just Kids*; Sue Gallagher, *Tufts University*; Barbara Lee, Scott Heiberger, Tammy Ellis, Marsha Salzwedel, and Kathie Smith; *NCCRAHS and NFMC*.

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

Barb Lee extended a welcome to all in attendance and took roll call.

II. NCCRAHS Update:

- **Funding:** Our Center is working with all the Ag Centers to try to protect continued NIOSH funding. We have been successful for fiscal year 2012 and will now need to work with the potential challenges for fiscal year 2013.
- **Office of Agriculture Safety and Health:** The director of NIOSH is asking for brief outcomes of NIOSH's investment in agricultural safety and health. All Ag Centers are submitting a series of brief reports that depict the outcomes of their work. With the amount of work that has been done on these reports, alternative usage, such as sharing this information with stakeholders and media is being considered. If you have ideas please feel free to contact us after the meeting.
- **Mini-Grants** – Three mini grants were funded in 2012
 - Thomas Arcury: Wake Forest – Youth Health Educator Program to Prevent Heat Related Illness Among Child Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers
 - Michael Pate: Utilizing Social Narratives to Promote Dine Youth Agricultural Safety: Development of an online community resource for parents.
 - Jill Kilanowski: With the Eyes of Students: Safety in the migrant camps and student development of a multimedia instructional learning tool.

At the beginning of June we should be issuing the 2013 announcement of small grant availability.

- **Agritourism:** – Staff is creating virtual “walkthroughs”, to help agritourism owners identify health and safety hazards on their operations and provide resources that can be used to help fix these hazards. The information is based on the Agritourism Health and Safety Guidelines for Children and supplemental checklists. The site with the virtual walkthroughs will go live mid-summer 2012.
- **Work Guidelines for Children** – Staff is working with Broadhead Marketing program to better understand how to inform the farming community about the availability and value of using the guidelines.
- **2012 Ag Injury Fact Sheet** – Updated with recent statistics and information and added prevention strategies and resources. It was posted April 2012. All images displayed under “Key Strategies and Resources”, are hyperlinked in the PDF format and when clicked, will take you to the online resource.
- **Grain Handling Safety Coalition (LaMar Grafft)** – The training sessions for “Train the Trainer” are almost ready for pilot testing. This testing will take place at the end of May.

- **Media Inquiries** – Changes to the Child Ag Labor Laws have been the main focus for the media over the last few months. We try to cut through the controversy and focus on safety, especially on shaping the article before being published. Several organizations have received requests regarding the Child Ag Labor Laws.
- **Nurture** – If anyone has any items for Nurture, please contact NCCRAHS.
- **Safe Play (Eileen Fisher)** – Abstracts have been accepted for oral presentation to present process evaluation information regarding the “Motivating Farm Parents to Create Safe Play Areas” research project.

III. Status: Child Labor in Agriculture Regulations – Mary Miller

- There is no timeline regarding the proposed changes at this date. Discussions continue to play out in the media. One concern is the “enforcement” of the Child Labor regulations. The Dept. of Labor is not commenting on the public discord.
- **Note:** The proposed child labor regulations have been withdrawn since the teleconference call.

IV. Blueprint for Knowledge Translation –

- The 2012 Blueprint for Protecting Children in Agriculture has been completed. It takes an updated look at preventing childhood agricultural injury and death. The 2012 Blueprint re-sets priorities to reflect changes in agricultural production and worker profiles.
- We will be mailing one copy to each CASN member. If you would like additional copies, please contact NCCRAHS at nccrahs@mcrf.mfldclin.edu.

V. 2013 Calendar

- The CASN calendar was not produced for 2012. It was missed in 2012. Sufficient interest was expressed, so a 2013 calendar project will go forward. Please watch for emails and check the CASN website for information on how to sign up for a page.

VI. Organization and Individual Updates

- **Dee Jepsen – Ohio State University**
 - Working on a project with the Amish requiring pony carts to have a slow moving vehicle sign (most driven by 5-8 year old children).
 - Farm Safety Amish Youth Guide will be published later this summer.
 - Working on ATV Safety Project Booklet with 4H.
- **Amy Liebman – Migrant Clinicians Network**
 - Continuing work with clinics to help recognize issues related to ag workers and children.
- **Ellen Duysen / Risto Rautiainen – Central States Center for Ag Safety and Health**
 - Working on 4 fully funded projects and 2 additional ones focusing on ag safety for children with clinicians.
- **Emily Samuel – Safe Kids Worldwide**
 - ATV issues – not active in DC at this time – looking into where to strengthen their efforts.
- **Aaron Yoder – Pennsylvania State University**
 - Working on www.eXtension.org, eXtension is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from the best land-grant university minds across America. eXtension connects knowledge consumers with knowledge providers - experts who know their subject matter inside out.
 - If you would like to join, send an email to Aaron ayoder@psu.edu.

- **Charlotte Halverson – National Education Center for Agricultural Safety**
 - Responsible for National Farm Safety and Health week, September 16-22, 2012 “Ag Safety & Health – A Family Affair”
 - Grain entrapment program is busy with community and first responders
 - Manure pit safety will be coming up next year
 - Working on a Susan Harwood grant.
- **David Hard – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health**
 - Working with the Agricultural Fishing and Forestry program.
- **Jim Carrabba, Jr – New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health**
 - Developing an electronic version of “Play It Safe” board game.
 - Mennonite Safety program in the 4th year.
- **Norma Flores Lopez – Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs**
 - Keeping pressure on the proposed Child Ag Regulations by collecting signatures to send to the Secretary of Labor. Please visit <http://www.change.org/> for more information.
 - Farm Review Conference website voices in action.
- **Shari Burgus – Farm Safety 4 Just Kids**
 - Marilyn is retiring, but will remain on the Board of Directors.
 - Working on a Blog project with the University of Iowa.
 - Working on an ATV Safety Project, will put link on CASN website when ready.
- **Bernard Geschke – Progressive Ag Foundation**
 - Continuing to host Safety Days, both through schools and community. PAF anticipates reaching 100,000 youth this year.

VII. Next Meeting

- Date: Monday, June 25, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington VT at the International Society of Agricultural Safety and Health meeting.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 p.m. CT

Recording Secretary,
Kathie Smith