



CHILDHOOD AGRICULTURAL SAFETY NETWORK MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, November 08, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. ET

Attendees: Marilyn Adams-*Farm Safety 4 Just Kids*, Allison De Vries, *HICAHS*, Sandra Freeland, *Western Ctr for Ag Safety & Health*, Susan Gallagher-*Tufts University School of Medicine*, Dee Jepsen, *Ohio State Univ.*, Amy Liebman-*Migrant Clinicians Network*, Mary Miller- *Dept of Labor - Washington*, Susan Reynolds, *Progressive Ag Foundation*, Diane Rohlman, *Oregon Health & Sciences Univ.*, Carolyn Sheridan – *AgriSafe Network*, Aaron Yoder – *Penn State*, Tammy Ellis, Scott Heiberger, Barb Lee, Barb Marlenga & Marsha Salzwedel, *Nat'l Children's Center*

I. Welcome and Roll Call:

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

II. NCCRAHS Update:

- **Year 4** of 5 year award
- **Safety Guidelines for Hired Adolescent Farm Workers** – Project has been inactive. Looking at how to make the project line of activity fit with current needs: will update information as project proceeds.
- **Mini-Grants** – Received a number of applications, and funded two grants.
 - **Michael Pate:** Utilizing Social Narratives to Promote Diné Youth Ag Safety: Development of an Online Community Resource for Parents.
 - **Thomas Arcury:** Youth health Educator Program to Prevent Heat-Related Illness Among Child Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers.
- **NIOSH Ag Centers** – Working to ensure that CASN is connected with the 9 Regional NIOSH Ag Centers
 - **Welcome to Allison De Vries** – representing HICAHS & **Sandra Freeland** – representing WCAHS
 - **Some Other Centers** already have representatives as members of CASN
 - **Two New Ag Centers:** Minnesota center – directed by Bruce Alexander, Nebraska center – directed by Risto Rautiainen
- **Network Goal Theory** – In year 4 & 5, a study was proposed testing out this theory with Dr. Jim Westaby of Columbia University leading it. Unconfirmed if this study will occur, but if it does, NCCRAHS will be contacting CASN members to participate in the survey.
- **CASN In-Person Meeting 2012** – June 25, 2012 at the ISASH meeting in Burlington Vermont. Meeting will consist of buffet dinner, with individual updates during dinner. Key topics will be discussed following dinner.
- **Think Tank (Webinar) topics:** Ideas were solicited for topics for future “Think Tank” topics. One suggestion was to monitor the worker protection standards (as they will most likely involve a child aspect), as they will be coming out for comment sometime next spring. Other ideas can be submitted to Marsha Salzwedel.
- **Nurture:** - Next Newsletter will be in Spring of 2012. Announcements and story ideas are welcome.
- **Media Guidelines** – A French version will soon be available (thanks to Diane Wreford).
 - Anytime you see something in the media that doesn't look right or sends the wrong message, consider sending them the media guidelines.
 - Spanish version – Creating a Spanish version was also discussed. This will be further explored.

- **Agritourism Project** – This project will create an interactive walkthrough scenario of agritourism operations, which the agritourism operators can utilize that will help them to identify safety and health hazards on their own operations. The website will also contain resources that these operators can use to help them address these hazards. Currently, we are in the process of surveying Agritourism Associations to help us identify topics for the walkthroughs and the types of resources that agritourism operators will find most helpful.
 - Dee Jepsen commented that she had just received a request from a NIFA organization to help Ohio agritourism operations with resources, and they have also developed a survey, so information sharing may be helpful.
- **Hearing Study** – Funded to do a 16 year follow-up to evaluate the long term impact of a three year hearing conservation program for farm youth. The study revealed that while those who are still working in agriculture were significantly more likely to use hearing protection, the percentage using protection was still very low. There was also no significant difference found in the audiograms between these youth and the control population.
 - Need to look to some type of environmental modifications &/or regulations, as education did not prove to be very effective.
 - Fact-sheet is under development: Primarily aimed at informing the study participants of key messages of things they may not be aware of, especially the importance of guns and chain-saws as risk factors in hearing loss. Brief discussion was held on the possibility of using this fact sheet to help get these messages out more broadly.
- **Safe Play** – Recruited 450 families last spring with a child aged 6 or less from six Midwestern states. The study was looking at what it would take to motivate parents to create a fenced safe play area for their children. An educational intervention was finished in August, in which some families received educational resources, while another group received the resources and could apply for a \$500 incentive as well. Only 10 families applied for the \$500 incentive. A process evaluation is underway to determine why families did not apply for the monetary incentive, and to determine if the families used the educational materials provided to them.
 - The Safe Play Interactive Map is available at www.marshfieldclinic.org/safeplay/keystocreate.

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

- The deadline for the comment period has been extended to December 1, 2011.
- Hundreds of comments have been received so far, although many of them are not substantive or helpful in their content.
- It is best to submit comments and questions now, so that any “issues” can be addressed, prior to this becoming law.
- These rules will apply for anyone younger than 16 (including 11, 12, 13 year olds)
- Submitting comments:
 - The more specific your comments are, the more helpful they will be.
 - If possible, comments should be “backed up” with scientific evidence.
 - Include questions which point to the need for clarification of issues in a final rule.
- The training provision of 90 hours was discussed, including aspects of funding and if courses other than vocational agricultural courses would qualify (one area in need of clarification).
- Appears to be lots of confusion over this proposal, both about what was covered in the past, and about what the changes mean.
- The parental exemption is not changing, but there are questions regarding its interpretation.
- Mary Miller has created a template/summary that people can manipulate however they choose and use to submit comments. She is also willing to assist if needed.

- Links to the Archived Webinar: Understanding the Proposed Changes to Ag Child Labor Regulations” and the Powerpoint Presentation is available at <http://www.childagsafety.org>.
- The Agricultural Child Labor Hazardous Occupations Orders Comparison Fact Sheet is available at <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/NCCRAHS/> .
- If everything goes well, it will be 60-90 days before the law would become effective.

IV. Blueprint for Knowledge Translation – Sue Gallagher

- There will be “Blueprint” articles published in a dedicated issue of the Journal of Agromedicine, as well as an official document, both scheduled for April 2012 release.
- Special presentation of the Blueprint done at APHA, which was very well received. Special thanks to Amy Liebman for coordinating it.
- There were a number of on-line comments received during the public review comment period. These comments were very thoughtful and helpful. (Thanks were extended to everyone who made comments).
- The draft of goals and strategies is being modified to incorporate comments.
- Reviewer comments
 - Were also found to be thoughtful and helpful.
 - A commentary may be added in the journal from a long-time academic and farmer regarding Social Learning Theory and role modeling.
- The strategies addressing child labor regulations and public policy are not completely resolved yet.
- There is good support in the literature for the recommendations that will come out in the Blueprint.

V. CASN Listserv

- Anyone can join the listserv by emailing CASN-join@migrantclinician.com.
- It is an open listserv, so anyone who is a member can post to the listserv.
- A discussion was held on the position of the members about how much posting should be done on the listserv.
 - It was mentioned that if posts include a description in the subject line, it is easy for members to delete any posts about subjects they are not interested in.
 - At this time, there does not appear to be an excessive number of posts to the listserv. The purpose of the listserv is information sharing, so it is better to post information, and let others select what they want to read and delete.
 - All posts should pertain to children, as CASN is a childhood network.
 - Members of the listserv are encouraged to post directly to the listserv. Requests for posts can be sent to NCCRAHS (Marsha), but it is better to post directly to the listserv. This enables other members to reply directly to the person who is submitting the information to the listserv.

VI. Organization and Individual Updates

- **Marilyn Adams - Farm Safety 4 Just Kids**
 - Chapter workshops continue to be sponsored by the USDA.
 - Work continues on the endowment fund.
 - There will be a board meeting later this week: look for announcements the first part of 2012.
- **Dee Jepsen – Ohio State University**
 - Working on an online program for virtual Tractor Safety Program – working to make sure it is consistent with the new proposals.
- **Amy Liebman – Migrant Clinicians Network**
 - Barb Lee recognized Amy for the Kerr Award she received at the APHA meeting. This award is given to advocates for Health and Safety of workers
 - Still working with health care, increasing access to health care & occupational and environmental health

- **Susan Reynolds – Progressive Agricultural Foundation**
 - Just reached their 1,000,000 participant/volunteer.
 - This year, they are running/ran 26 programs across the US.
 - One sponsor is taking the program to South America: working in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay
 - Working with CASA to extend program to 1st Nations Program
- **Diane Rohlman – Oregon Health and Sciences University**
 - Working on a project through PNASh about the health effects on children whose parents live and work in agriculture.
- **Carolyn Sheridan – AgriSafe Network**
 - Early September: received a Susan Harwood Training Grant
 - Focusing on small pork producers & non-English speaking farm workers, as well as employees at grain processing facilities.
 - Working with AgriSafe clinicians and providers in IA, IL, ND, VT, NC & LA.
 - Recently completed AgriSafe trainings in Wisconsin and North Dakota, and Train the Trainer in Vermont.
- **Aaron Yoder – Pennsylvania State University**
 - Working on an online training version of the National Safe Tractor Machinery Operation Program
 - Won't contain the certification (can't do w/o a "hands on" component)
 - Geared to 16-20 year olds
 - Working on www.eXtension.org, which is an intervention group for Farm Safety and Health.
 - If you would like to join, send an email to Aaron.
 - Some components already on public site.
- **Jim Carrabba, Jr – New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health** (emailed report)
 - 36 Agricultural safety sessions for youth delivered (reaching a total of 661 participants)
 - Website has been redesigned
 - Featuring a section called the Kids Corner with pages that have information for youth and families, as well as interactive farm safety games.
 - www.nycamh.com – click on the Kids Corner link on the lower left portion of home page
 - Can also "like" them on Facebook
- **ASABE**
 - Looking to develop a seatbelt contest promotion to encourage people who operate tractors to wear seatbelts(
 - Not really a "children issue" (trying to get college age students involved in this program to design a social marketing type of promotion), but looking for assistance from anyone who may be on the call with expertise in organizing a contest
 - Diane Rohlman responded – has experience with OYES video contest program, and may be able to assist. Will make contact "off the call".

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 p.m. CT

Recording Secretary,
Marsha Salzwedel