

LMAC Safety Committee

July 17, 2014

Minutes

Safety Committee members present: Riley Johnson, TJ Eyer, Leah Lietz, Lance Zanto, Don Judge, Al Smith,

Glenn Oppel was unable to attend due to a prior conflict.

Others present: Chris Cavazos, Bryan Page, Jerry Laughry, Diana Ferriter, Anne Wolfinger, Thom Danenhower

I. Update: State-based OSHA panel at EAIC

Committee members reported the general outcome of the presentation was the EAIC deferred action back to the LMAC and asked for a brief report at their September meeting.

Riley said he liked the timeline outlining the application process. Diana however said many activities on the timeline would likely be dependent on responses by federal OSHA.

Committee members commented on the participation by teleconference by the OSHA regional director.

Bryan reported on progress being made on drafting the state plan enabling legislation.

Riley moved, Lance seconded that the Safety Committee recommend that the LMAC recommend the Department of Labor and Industry draft potential enabling legislation for a state-based OSHA plan.

Diana said Montana needed to meet minimum requirements and minimum standards to get it through. At this point, the standards are the minimum required by OSHA. The concept of the board was raised by concerns by the Chamber regarding setting standards higher than OSHA.

Bryan said another use of a board would be to help determine areas of concentration.

Thom said he thought the EAIC was in favor of the LMAC and department moving ahead on the state plan with OSHA standards.

Al said the floor/ceiling is indicative of how the program would work in the future. Labor's concern is to see how decisions will be made in the future.

Riley said a state OSHA could be the basis for turning safety around in Montana. Right now we have no one responsible for attacking safety culture in this state.

Motion carried with one nay vote.

Take the OSHA act and turn it into a MT act, crosswalking OSHA provisions with as much existing MT law as possible.

Riley said until the enabling legislation is passed, you don't get into the details.

Don said the LMAC will discuss it in full at the Tuesday meeting.

II. MT State Procurement Contracting

Lance said he has not had feedback yet from the Chamber or from Marv Jordan (MCCA). Lance committed to trying to talk to Glenn and Marv on this issue.

III. School Outreach/OSHA 10-hour course

Leah reported 26 renewal units can be awarded for already certified MT teachers attending specific OSHA training. MT teachers need 60 renewal credits over a five-year period to retain their Class 1 certification. There is no cost for the renewal credits but there is for the training. The cost of the safety training is a concern because other training has a minimum cost.

CEUs are another recognized crediting needs. Leah said there may be other industries that require CEUs for their association members. Don suggested Bryan check with the DLI Apprenticeship bureau and Business and Professional Licensing Division.

TJ said they could do a vendor booth at the fall teacher conference to present information. Another information possibility is administrator meetings.

Leah questioned how many people in MT would be interested in master's level credit for safety training to become an OSHA trainer. Such training would require a PhD instructor.

TJ said the two-year campuses now have a "workforce navigator" due to a SWAMMI grant and may be a good market for safety trainer training. TJ also said he has been working with WorkSafeMT for the student contests.

IV. Next Steps

Wait until LMAC meeting to determine next meeting.

Leah will continue credit research work. Leah suggested going after 2-year teachers and getting them to the classes.

TJ will continue working for safety training within the SWAMMI grant.

Lance will continue working with Glenn and Marv. Bryan will provide Lance a sample private sector contract with the safety requirement language. Riley suggested setting minimum requirements for employers for application of safety requirement language in state contracts and addressing larger contracts or contractors first. Committee members discussed possible requirements.

Next meeting: August 14, 9:00a – 2:00 pm, ERD 2nd floor conference room