

**SHIP Advisory Committee (SAC)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
July 17, 2008

**Present:** Dave Kalman, June Nailon, Sharon Ness, Gary Smith, Terry Tilton, Neil and Mike Bonkowski

**Excused:** Nancy Mason and Grant Nelson

**SHIP Program:** Ken Mettler, Jenifer Jellison, Bruce Terrell and Cathy Hakola

**Application reviews:**

- SMART Assoc. – June disclosed that her company was a member of the applicant’s association and although she hadn’t been aware of this grant being written; she opted to recuse herself from voting. Some of the committee members felt that this project was meritorious for funding because it would directly impact workers. The addition of reminders such as hard hats decals and tee shirts is seen a valuable addition to this project. Some concern was voiced on the level of support employers would lend to this project in allowing employees to leave work to attend this training. However, the application did inform that the training would occur at worksites in different areas of the state. Funding levels for the personnel portion of the budget was questioned and it was discussed and resolved. This application was approved for funding by the committee present with the caveat that the project’s distribution plan is more fully outlined and approved by DOSH before funding distributed. SHIP staff also recommended for funding with the same caveat.
- UW – Air Breathing – There was concern that this project didn’t have a direct link to employee occupational safety and health issues – at first glance appeared to be an attempt to validate their own sampling methods. The issues surrounding the problem that drove this project appears to be that samples must be collected and tested for certain types of equipment, if samples are collected improperly the test results may indicate failure. This may lead to “shopping around” to find a laboratory that will validate the test results in favor of continuing use of equipment. This project seeks to develop and provide fire departments with good and valid information on how to correctly collect samples in order to prevent incorrect test results from needlessly placing workers at risk from faulty equipment. At the end discussions, many committee members felt that this was a fundable application. Letters of support that were missing from the application packet will be sent to the committee for review after which the committee will make a decision on the application.
- UW – Sheet Metal Workers – A couple committee members disclosed a relationship with the grant applicants – Both Mike and Sharon know the project lead from past projects but did not feel it would in any way influence their decision on this application. Hexavalent Chromium is a topic that the Department has had a lot of activity around. SHIP has made a recommendation to fund this project. All committee members felt that this topic was timely and important to address. Provided that this training would be available and shared with the Department upon completion, the Advisory Committee was inclined to fund. Ken Mettler informed the committee that the rule states that all projects developed as a result of a SHIP grant are to be maintained in the public domain. It is a standard part of the Grant Award document. The committee members present voted to approve this application for funding.

- Columbia Basin Health Assoc. – The committee members present supported this application for funding. There is a large in-kind contribution from the applicant organization and it would directly benefit the workers (using their families as a vehicle to promote safety as well as protect the families of workers who use pesticides). For ESL employees, frequently the children of these workers have a better knowledge of the English language and children often help to enforce the safety tips to their parents. The inclusion of the family unit as a whole also provides a mechanism that educates other family members who likely may enter the workforce in agriculture increasing the knowledge of future farm workers. SHIP staff and SAC Committee present recommend it for funding.
- Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo – SHIP staff and committee members present do not recommend funding. The primary focus of this project is the purchase of equipment to increase safety of the public not worker's.
- UW – Journalism – Many committee members would like SHIP staff to advise the applicant and resubmit a new application. Some of the main concerns discussed include: unreasonable timeline, impact evaluation is not strong and only indicates who has read the article not the impact it may provide in the workplace, and the gift card to Wal-Mart was viewed unfavorably by the committee. It is not fundable as written.

#### **Other Business:**

- Checklist for above applications need to be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ken thanked the committee for sending in their checklists for SEIU. That application was recommended for funding and is waiting for Steve Cant's approval.
- The program has added two new items to the website: A listing of funded grants is provided with a brief description of each and a sample Draft Award document.
- Discussion took place regarding applications that were seen as not being falling into the purview of the SHIP grant program. The SAC questions whether or not applications that do not have merit under the program guidelines be forwarded to the committee? The SAC asked whether the SHIP program had the ability to deny it without having to route it through the committee. Ken explained that DOSH would prefer that all applications be reviewed by the SHIP Advisory Committee – we would not want the appearance we withheld any applications from the committee.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Will be August 21<sup>th</sup> 8:30 to 11:00. This will be a conference call meeting. Cathy will e-mail call-in number and agenda in advance.