

Department of Labor and Industries WISHA Advisory  
Committee Meeting – March 9, 2022  
Virtual Meeting

## Welcome and Opening Remarks – Craig Blackwood, Assistant Director

### Roll call

- ✓ Ed Wood
- ✓ Samantha Grad
- ✓ Pam Tabert
- ✓ Claude Golden
- ✓ Mark Jaffe

Note shared – Plan to move Committee list and interested party list to GovDelivery to make it easier for people to sign up and join the meeting.

## Craig Blackwood – Next 5-years for DOSH

- One of the best plan state territories. Truly believes it started with Steve paving the way and having the vision
- Would like to continue to foster the relationships with business and labor. To further these relationships we have hired a non-perm employee, Allison Drake.
- Enforcement
  - Wants to be more aggressive with enforcement tools; i.e. maximum penalties, etc. To previous issues
  - Will be coming to committee regarding penalty work/penalty rules
- One of the best robust Consultation Programs, to eliminate people deterring from using Consultation Program partnering with
- Last 4 years DOSH received two OSCAR awards
  - 1 for WISHA 10
  - 1 for masking
- Expanding Spanish Speaking training
- Getting outreach/information into high schools and colleges to provide impactful insight to their future as an employee or employer.
- Heard the message from business about emergency rule making, really would like to get back to the routine rulemaking process

## Dave Bonauto – SHARP update

- Walked through our [SHARP ongoing projects webpage](#) and federal projects that overlap with state projects
- Walked through our [SHARP COVID-19 webpage](#)
- Provided an overview of the ongoing projects, showed attendees what description/data is provided when links are clicked.
  - Example click → [Chemical and Biological Hazards \(wa.gov\)](#)
  - Clicked through tabs and explained, such as [exposure surveillance tab](#)
  - Lot of time in the future will be spent looking at [Disparities in Occupational Health](#)
  - A lot of effort on firefighters in the last two years and providing more benefits
    - Multidivisional effort for [Firefighter Health and Safety](#)
    - Risk management
    - Safety grant program for funds to decrease hazards
  - Provided an overview of [Effectiveness of Compliance Activities \(wa.gov\)](#)
  - Provided an overview of [Identifying Risks for WMSDs \(wa.gov\)](#)

- Provided an overview of [Immediate Inpatient Hospitalizations \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Provided an overview of [Janitorial Workload Study \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Provided an overview of [Trucking Injury Prevention \(TIRES\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Provided an overview of [WMSD Claim Tracking \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Provided an overview of [Work Related Fatalities \(WA FACE\)](#)

### **John Geppert – Education and Outreach Services**

- Washington Onsite Sewage Association continues to train on previously funded and successfully completed projects. The Executive Director of WOSSA recently trained onsite sewage workers in Kansas both the Hazard Assessment, mitigation and training: Pathogens and Confined Space Entry Classes (2013 & 2014 SHIP projects).
- Adult Family Home Council closed their grant project entitled Adult Family Home Workplace Safety Awareness Program. They have gotten approval from the Department of Social and Health Services to offer Continuing Education (CEs) which allows the course to be used to meet a long-term care workers' CE requirement.
- Two projects were recently funded:
  - The Washington Food Coalition will conduct a project entitled, "Safe Volunteers." To create tools customized to the reality of this part-time, episodic workforce – volunteers.
  - WSU, PNASH, and the Washington Tree Fruit Association are partnering together to "Integrate Air Quality Sensors in AgWeather Net. The project seeks to improve the air quality monitoring for worker safety through integration of particulate matter sensors on WSU AgWeatherNet managed weather stations to monitor and share weather data in real-time to the agricultural stakeholders. . They will also conduct relevant outreach and education as part of the project.

### **Governor's Conference**

- Agriculture Safety Day was held virtually over 3 days presenting in English and Spanish. Agriculture employers communicated a need for pesticide recertification credits and WPS handler cards for their workforce. Through a partnership with the WSDA a full day of Pesticide Recertification/WPS Handler Training provided necessary training for this essential workforce.
- The team is looking forward to a dynamic Construction Safety Day online March 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will kick off with a welcome from Governor Inslee and Joel Sacks. Registration is open-join us by registering at <https://www.GISHAB.org/CSD2022>
- We are moving forward with our 71st Governor's Industrial Safety and Health conference at the Tacoma Convention Center on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Attendees will enjoy 2 days of safety trainings tailored to Washington's industries. Our exhibit hall will be back and we look forward to seeing the latest and greatest products and services for our safety professionals. Don't miss the pole top competition being held the opening day at the lunch hour.

### **Voluntary Protection Program**

- DOSH VPP is once again performing in person evaluations for participation, and barring any pandemic related setbacks, will be caught up by the end of the year. We look forward to welcoming new participants in 2023. DOSH VPP will present our 10th Annual Melvin E. James Honorary Lectures on Safety and Health March 16, 2022. We have once again partnered with the National Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association to host a virtual event allowing for a nationwide audience. More information can be found here <https://www.vpppa.org/events/melvin-james/>.
- DOSH VPP has been helping the Governor's Conference, working as staff for virtual events and planning the in-person Conference scheduled for September. Nicholas Hall, DOSH VPP IH, has been busy working with Technical Services on the Wildfire Smoke rule, and recently presented information on the rule to attendees of Agriculture Safety Day.

### **Digital Education**

#### **Web Team:**

- Continued work on improving accessibility in our PowerPoint and Storyline training content
- Started work on a template and structure for rebuilding topic pages
- Prep work and research to support the Spanish Website Redesign effort
- Piloted and launched a project to convert COVID-related publications to HTML pages

### Content Team:

- Curating Web content - Setting foundations for Topic, Training and Industry pages layout and content
- 2022 DOSH Safety and Health Campaigns
- Small Business partnership reviewing DOSH safety and health postings, to be delivered by small business organizations social media platforms
- APP continuous improvement in partnership with DOSH Consultation and Compliance
- Technical Services and E&O IH and Safety staff meets every other week to collaborate on rules updates and content development
- COVID-19 dynamic content updates following Governor's orders and CDC guidance
- UW-PNASH synergistic collaboration ongoing - Preparing to work together in 2022 Outdoor Heat and Wildfire Smoke campaigns
- Temporary Worker Housing COVID-19 emergency rule translated to visual communication in collaboration with UW-PNASH, DOH and L&I Community Relations

### Creative Team:

- Continuing work on Graphics for GISHAB events
- Continuing work on the DOSH Newsletters
- ASD 2022 Video Ad
- Beginning work on potential Safety and Health campaigns
- Working to improve access to the DVD Lending Library and Safety Source VOD Service
- Continued planning around YouTube Accessibility Remediation

### Roadshow Outreach:

- Between mid- November 2021 and late February 2022, Nancy Bell's Roadshow Outreach has included educating employers, workers, and S&H professionals at the **Pacific NW Vegetable Assn (PNVA) Annual Conference** in Kennewick, **WA State Dairy Federation (WSDF) Annual Conference and Tradeshow** in Rochester, **WA-OR Potato Conference** in Kennewick (covered by MSHOP staff), and **WA Farm Laborers Assn Workforce Summit (WAFLA)** in Wenatchee.
- A few other events scheduled for that time were cancelled, postponed to a later date, or converted to virtual events by event hosts due to Covid concerns and/or low registration numbers.
- Attendees at events were happy we were present since it allowed them to get the most up-to-date resources from DOSH as well as information on minimum wage and worker's comp premium increases, and the hot topic of overtime pay. Since Fall and Winter are popular for Agriculture related events, it was also a great time to promote WISHA 10 for Ag.
- Upcoming events include those with the Assn of WA Cities (AWC), and industry events for Cannabis, Automotive, Migrant and Community Health, Fire Service, and Police/Sheriffs.
- Our new DOSH footer treatment on some of our key publications has been well-received by event attendees, and allows them to quickly link to a publication from their cell phone via a publication-specific QR code ([see Hazard Alert for Wildfire Smoke and Face Coverings](#) as an example). We will be adding more of these types of direct QR codes as new resources are created and/or updated.

### Ryan Allen – Rules update

- Large number of rulemaking projects going on
  - Wildfire smoke
    - In progress, next stakeholder meeting in April
    - Hoping to have a draft ready soon
  - Ambient heat stress
    - Stakeholder meeting t 3.17
      - SHARP Update
- Both are moving forward with permanent rulemaking
  - Temporary Workers Housing
    - Trying to see how we can move forward with the temporary rule
  - High Hazards Facilities (HB 1817)
    - Looking to file CR-102 and go into public filing period

- Infectious Disease Rule
  - In process of hiring nurse consultant
  - Need to scope and draft a rule before bringing someone on board
- Occupation and exposure to lead
  - Put on pause due to COVID related work
  - Looking forward to get back on track with this project by late summer early fall
- Process Safety Management
  - Working through cost benefit analysis
  - Hoping to move forward at some point in Spring or Summer
- HB 1097
  - Effective July 2022
- 1206 – Temporary Workers
  - Project team together to initiate process – CR-101 started
- Cranes Rule
  - Finished meeting with Stakeholders
  - Looking to finish steps to finalize
- Trench Rescue
  - Stakeholder meeting 3.8
  - In progress – continue to meet with Stakeholders
- Fall Protection
  - Pre 101 stakeholder meetings going to take place

**Craig provided update prior to break in lieu of new guidance changing 3.11**

- Update Compliance Manual/policies – hoping to get out at 12am Friday
- Updating Form-164 ; current requirements