

June 30th, 2020

Emerging and Current Issues

A meeting of Emerging and Current Issues was held via webinar June 30th, 2020- 3:00- 5:30 PM EST

Type of meeting:

- Webinar- Conference Call

Attendees- *All WG members present*

Co-Chairs- Scott Earnest, Greg Sizemore,

Workgroup Members- Cindy DePrater, Chuck Stribling, Randell Krocka, Chris Fought, Richard Tessier,
OSHA Staff- Damon Bonneau

Agenda:

3:00 PM to 5:30 PM - Opening, welcome, and safety moment- Workgroup Co-Chairs Scott Earnest and Greg Sizemore

Presentations: *see additional attachments*

1. Directorate of Training and Education- Updates Mr. Robert Murphy
2. Willis Towers Watson/SAVE Mental Health and Suicide in Construction- Johnathan W. Oppenheim, Dr. Dan Reidenberg
3. CPWR Opioid Awareness Training- Christopher Rodman MPH, Rick Rinehart

DTE: OSHA DTE talked about their efforts on training and education and how it can be used to help address opioids and suicides in construction. DOC also talked about work that has already occurred across OSHA on these important topics. Some of this included regional activities, particularly in OSHA region 7. General compliance outreach assistance was mentioned. There was also discussion of VPP and OSHA Alliance activities.

Regarding Harwood Grants

(1) *what types of grants?* (Training Material Development Grant, Targeted Topic Grants, Capacity Building Grants). Most focus on instructor lead or in person education or jobsite specific education

(2) *what has participation been historically?* On average 80 grants per year.

(3) *given COVID-19's impact has there been a move to virtual training grants?* Some but the primary focus is mostly in person

Regarding Opioids and Suicide

(1) *has OSHA considered adding opioid and suicide to existing education?* There is a concern regarding the instructor's personal comfort or ability to effectively teach on the topic.

(2) *what is OSHA doing to address opioid and suicide?* Tim share what is being done regionally and how they are conducting outreach stand alone as well as including it in other outreach initiatives such as VPP, stand downs, and general presentations.

WTW: Willis Towers Watson presented their current efforts to address mental health and suicide in the construction industry. They are developing a comprehensive three phase program directed at construction workers, foreman, and owners.

Opioid and Suicide Prevention

- (1) *Will the program be interactive or simply video based?* Level 1 will be video based however resources will be provided (i.e. toolbox talks). Level 2-3 are in-person group settings.
- (2) *Will there be a Train the Trainer for long term sustainability?* Eventually that is the plan.
- (3) *Are there vetted resources available to point individuals too?* Currently, when we work with individuals, we start with their health insurance provider, EAP, or local health departments.

CPWR: CPWR discussed their current work on developing an opioids training program.

Opioid Awareness Training

- (1) *What is the timeline for deployment of your program?* We are working on expeditiously and have a target for September.
- (2) *What about instructors/speakers being comfortable?* The 2 instructors we used mentioned that it was very beneficial that they had initial time with the students was critical it would have been difficult to talk about cold. Additionally, the instructors mentioned that there needed to be familiar local resources.
- (3) *Did you receive feedback from NABTU?* Yes, they mentioned the length was a concern and that they believe toolbox talks would add values as smaller bit digestible chunks.

Workgroup General Questions and Comments-

Chris F- **What is the status of OSHA including these topics as an elective?**

Chris F- **Can OSHA provide a list of resources they have where the topics could potentially plug in?**

Greg S- **Can OSHA provide a list of actions they are taking to address these topics nationally?**

Scott E- **Where are we on identifying leading indicator work in this area?**

Scott E- **How do we take all of the regional efforts nationally?**

Public Comments or Questions-

DTE- **none**

WTW- **none**

CPWR- **none**

Workgroup Closing Comments- Greg and Scott made some closing comments about today's discussion and the path forward.

Reports and Updates- N/A

Meeting Adjourned by Scott Earnest at 5:10 PM eastern

Damon- ACCSH was asked to stay online for an out brief and instructions. Feedback for improvements on call in instructions for July 1st

Damon- Tim Irving will send his talking points to include in minutes as an attachment.

Additional Notes:

OSHA DTE ASKS- OSHA is doing some great work but communications is fragmented what can be done to promote all OSHA is doing holistically?

Attachments:

Workgroup Agenda

Opening Safety Moment

WG out brief presentation presented to ACCSH on July 1st - Scott Earnest

Willis Towers Watson/SAVE Mental Health and Suicide in Construction- Johnathan W. Oppenheim,

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Tim Irving's Talking Point on OSHA outreach