Minutes: Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council

Date: May 1, 2020
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Location: Via Webex

Call to order: Paul Aasen, chairman

- Announcements
- Approval of the May 2, 2020 agenda – approved
- Approval of the Feb. 7, 2020 meeting minutes – approved

Department update: Roslyn Robertson, deputy commissioner

Legislative update

- Workers’ compensation advisory bill has been heard.
- The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has the opportunity to push the Work Comp Campus rollout in case it is needed.
  - DLI has not received any indication that we won’t be ready for the go-live date.
  - It is still early and the program is on track and on budget.

DLI COVID-19 experience

- DLI has about 400 people working from home. There are still individuals who come into the office because their work cannot be performed outside of the building.

MNOSHA Workplace Safety Consultation update: Tyrone Taylor, director

Program quarterly update

- Minnesota OSHA (MNOSHA) Workplace Safety Consultation (WSC) created several guidance documents specifically addressing COVID-19 in various industries; and
- a series of PowerPoint presentations for construction sites (planning, incident management, social distancing, personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitation and hygiene) and other industries, including:
  - meat-processing workers;
  - bait shops;
  - dentistry;
  - golf courses;
  - fruit and vegetable workers;
  - an on-site visit protocol for Labor Standards investigators; and
  - essential workers.
MNOSHA Compliance update and Workplace Safety Division update:
Nancy Zentgraf and Ron Anderson

Training, outreach, partnership

- The complaint line was converted into a voicemail inbox.
- DLI has more staff members answering phones now due to COVID-19.
- Fact sheets are being updated and published on the DLI website.
- Specific COVID-19 activities are outlined in the attachment below.
- The program quarterly update is provided in the attachment below.

Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council member updates

- Members shared their organizations' COVID-19 experiences, including efforts to keep the workplaces safe, best practices, challenges or unique observations.

Minnesota Safety Council working with Target about taking temperatures:
Paul Aasen, chairman

- Paul Aasen demonstrated the process for taking temperatures. The screener is free and is designed for business use.

Adjournment

The next meeting is Friday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m.