

MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (MOSH) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 26, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. | MOSH – Hunt Valley
10946 Golden West Drive # 160
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031

Board Members Present

Steve Connelly, Agriculture Member
Carol Dodson, Business Member
Clifford Mitchell, M.D., Health Member
Ed Singer, Health Member
Frank Trujillo, Industry Member
Richard Ruehl, Labor Member
Neil Christopher, Public Member
John Gibula, Public Member
Emory E. Knowles, Industry Member

DLI Staff Present

Matt Helminiak, Commissioner
Steven Lakin, Deputy Commissioner
Mischelle Vanreusel, Program Mgr.
Jenny Baker, Asst. Attorney General
Ashley Hicks, Administrative Asst.
Michael Penn, Compliance Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Gibula called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN

Two new members were introduced. John Gibula, Chairman, and Frank Trujillo, representing industry.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Gibula made a motion to approve minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Ruel, and the minutes were unanimously approved without correction.

MOSH UPDATE

Deputy Commissioner Steven Lakin provided Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) personnel and outreach updates. To date, 13 MOSH inspectors have received Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certifications and there are 2 Compliance Officer vacancies.

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OUTREACH	NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS	PARTICIPANTS
Public Seminars	86	1,422
Other Speaking Engagements	104	4,794
TOTAL:	190	6,216

Deputy Commissioner Lakin has been acting in the role of Assistant Commissioner since former Assistant Commissioner William Dallas transferred to another position within the agency four months ago. Board members were asked to consider and recommend qualified candidates for the role of Assistant Commissioner.

Dr. Mitchell inquired if MOSH is providing training on opioids. Emory Knowles responded that MOSH does not have any current standards regarding opioids. Frank Trujillo noted that a discussion regarding opioids would lead to a larger conversation surrounding medical cannabis and suicide prevention.

Assistant Commissioner Lakin completed his report with an announcement that moving forward, the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (**DLLR**) will be referred to as the Department of Labor (**LABOR**). The name change went into effect July 1, 2019.

OSHA | MOSH REGULATORY UPDATE

Maryland Rule and Regulations Adoption:

Regulatory and Grants Coordinator Mischelle Vanreusel provided a brief history of the MOSH Act and MOSH's history as a state plan. Vanreusel detailed the difference between the ways regulations are adopted at the state level vs. the federal level. In recent years, there have been several regulations at the federal level that were delayed, modified, or not fully enforced at the federal level. Maryland does not have the same flexibility. If Maryland adopts a regulation, they do not have the authority to delay or modify it without going through the regulatory process. Maryland adopts federal regulation through incorporation by reference, but Maryland law requires a federal regulation to be in effect before it can be adopted through this process.

Electronic Recordkeeping:

Electronic reporting of injuries and illnesses, commonly referred to as electronic recordkeeping, was reviewed. Vanreusel explained the federal rule and the versions that have been proposed. The current rule is now being enforced at the federal level and Maryland can adopt it. Emory Knowles motioned that the board recommend adoption of the current federal regulation for submittal of electronic records. Frank Trujillo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Beryllium Standard:

Federal OSHA proposed a rule change that would, among other things, lower the permissible exposure limits for beryllium. The rule has been modified several times and a revised version has been released for comment. MOSH's Mike Penn explained the standard and where Beryllium is potentially being used in Maryland industry. Neil Christopher made a motion to

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recommend adoption of the OSHA beryllium standard as amended. Richard Ruehl seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Mitchell requested adding MOSH Research and Statistics program manager Steve Bisson to the next MOSH advisory board agenda, to explain the role of BLS in MOSH activities.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Richard Ruehl to adjourn, seconded by Steve Connelly, and was unanimously approved. The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.