

**Kevin Beauregard - Director's Office**

- Federal Budget passed by House, Senate last week and is expected to be signed by President today. It does appear to contain modest increases for State Plans
- Permanent Healthcare standard withdrawn in NC effective 3/4/22
  - OSHA has indicated to State Plans that COVID log and reporting COVID fatalities and hospitalizations are permanent OSHA standards and states must have equivalent
  - Meeting with OSHA scheduled 3/16
  - NCDOL will pursue state rules on reporting COVID fatalities, hospitalizations and COVID logs, but implementation could be delayed due to process
- FY22 Strategic Plan revisions submitted to OSHA
- As of 3/10 all counties in NC, except Ashe, were classified by CDC to have a low or moderate risk for COVID-19 meaning face coverings were not necessary for healthy individuals.
- Partnership with Jacobs Engineering (Fuji- Biotech plant in Holly Springs) approved by OSH Partnership Committee
- The Directors' Office approved several OSH members attendance at upcoming local and Regional AIHCE and ASSP conferences

**Scott Mabry – Assistant Director's Report**

**Wanda Lagoe – Education, Training and Technical Assistance Bureau**

- Babbel Spanish online training has been approved but we are still working through FS to process the order. APN 29 was drafted and sent to BCs for review and comment. Now with KB.
- Marcy and Jay have received multiple quotes for a vendor for new Calendar /Registration System to replace our existing one. Vendor currently being vetted by IT. The new system will be used for internal and external training.
- Sent out an email reminder last week on Grassroots to everyone that has not yet provided me with their Grassroots information. I need this information NLT Friday so I can finalize it and send to KB for final review.
- Meeting with the vendor weekly for the One Stop upgrade. Sent out an email last week to BCs and OSH Administration for conducting the card sort This will help us organize the One Stop Shop in a more useful manner. Please encourage staff to complete the card sort NLT Friday.

- Finalizing the new standards books for final proof and ordering. Rough ETA is May. We are doing a mix of spiral and regularly bound for staff since they were evenly mixed on the type they wanted.
- LaMont and Michelle have been approved to attend the regional and national VPPPA conferences this year. Carol is finalizing the paperwork.
- Carolina Star database is now active again on the NCDOL website.
- First Safety Awards Banquet of the 2022 season is scheduled for March 30 in Asheboro. All banquets have been scheduled but still waiting on some of the venues.
- Two SSTM recertification training classes scheduled for March 15 in Raleigh and March 25 in Winston-Salem and two SSTM initial training classes scheduled for March 16 -17 in Raleigh and March 23-24 in Winston-Salem.
- Internal Training – Please work with Jay on scheduling staff until new internal calendar up and running:
  - OE Training- March 30-31 - This was rescheduled from February, due to explosion out West.
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> - Electrical Workshop via Virtual EATS.
  - April 14<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - 125 course.
  - Planning to host 105 course early Summer if we have enough new staff.
  - Defensive Driver training underway.
  - Annual Training Meeting - March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.
  - Annual Training is in November - Still need IH topic suggestions.

#### **Kevin O'Barr - Consultative Services Bureau**

- CSB will conduct interviews for the central district opening on 3/17.
- Kevin O will be out of the office on Monday 3/21 assisting his brother with surgery recovery.
- A CSB supervisor meeting is scheduled next week (3/23) to address the internal audit of the paperless instructions and file building.
- There are two potential new SHARP construction sites. One in Charlotte and one in Winston-Salem; both by Brasfield & Gorrie.

#### **Beth Rodman- Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau**

- Preocc Stats 2022: 1927 registrations; 1263 inspections conducted; 1059 certificates issued, 611 provisionals
- ASH IT program: Meetings have not resumed but Brent informed me that he requested a new PM
- ASH positions: Eastern position: received 6 applicants; scheduling interviews for April 7, 2022. Western positions close on 3/22/2022.
- Staffing

- Fully staffed
  - Office staff: 100% vaccinated; CSHOs (teleworkers): 66% vaccinated.
- Beth will be working remotely March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> due to dad's surgery, and on vacation week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Current meetings/groups - COVID-19 workgroup (once per month), Migrant Health and Housing (once per month), Farmworker COVID Vaccine task force (once per month), Plant Outbreaks (monthly); farm machinery safety workgroup (periodic); Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (twice per month)

#### **Anne Weaver – Planning Statistics and Information Management Bureau**

- The number of OSH Compliance and REDB OSH related requests for files that are currently releasable continues to increase – with this week's total being 338.

#### **Nicole Brown- East Compliance Bureau**

- Staffing
  - Jerry Midyette who is an HCO in training was released as an SCO I; he had completed the training program as an SCO I prior to his promotion but his OPN 64 paperwork had not been submitted for review. This will give us an additional CSHO that can conduct safety inspections if needed
  - Greg Williams, HCO I last day was 3/11/22
  - Currently East has the following:
    - 5 released HCOs (one accepted position in ETTA)
    - 4 HCO in training (1 HCOs in training and 3 HCO Trainees)
    - 10 vacant HCO positions
    - 9 released SCOs (3 currently out on FMLA)
    - 5 SCO in training (1 SCO Trainee)
    - 10 vacant SCO positions
- Continue to get notifications from Human Resources for posting indicating no qualified applicants
  - D10 and D11 have received some referrals for SCO positions, which they will be scheduling interviews
  - D10 had several names referred over for an HCO trainee position, the DS went through the applications and established 3 groups for interviews based on education and experience due to the number of applicants; HR approved the groups this week so interviews will begin to be scheduled
- Assisted West Bureau Chief with District Supervisor Interviews
- Sanderson Farms case involving Howard Laurie hearing was continued. They have scheduled an additional 4 days.

- Inspection files and CFR High Profile Cases
  - Evelyn Ward dba Evelyn Wards Steak and Cheese file involving food truck electrocution has been reviewed at Director's Office and CSHO has made corrections; should be ready to process by the end of this week
  - Valley Proteins (2 health inspections have been issued; Safety file is routed to DS for review)

#### **Paul Sullivan -West Compliance Bureau**

- Personnel update
  - Ben Harris is retiring effective 4/1/2022. His position was posted and there were six internal candidates. Interviews were conducted on 3/10/2022 and a hiring package was submitted the next day.
    - Ben's retirement luncheon is on Monday, 3/28/2022.
  - Current Status out of 56 CSHO positions (26 Health and 30 Safety).
    - **39 released CSHOs (70%)** – 22 Health (85%) and 17 Safety (60%)
    - **5 CSHO Trainees (9%)**
      - SCO I (in-training) Tracy Wolfe (Asheville) should be released on 4/1/2022.
    - **12 vacancies (21%)**
      - SCO Roberto Gonzalez (CLT, District 3) recently accepted our offer and is scheduled to start in mid-May. He is coming from the Washington OSHA program.
      - SCO Jim Bartolovich (CLT, District 4) recently accepted our offer and the drug test is scheduled for 3/13/2022.
      - 9 vacancies are posted or have been sent for posting.
      - One vacancy (SCO II, WS District 5) is being held until the new supervisor is hired.
- The 2022 Industrial Ventilation Conference is May 9-13 in Raleigh. HCO Grant Quiller will be serving as an adjunct faculty member this year.
- I will be on leave March 14-18 for spring break and in Myrtle Beach March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> presenting at the Carolinas AGC conference.
- Notable fatality cases where citations have recently been issued or are nearing completion:

#### CURRENT CASES (NOT YET ISSUED)

- **HCA Healthcare, Inc. (318223194)** – COVID fatality involving a nurse. The ER did not report the fatality. It was reported by the union as a complaint. CSHO is recommending citations for a serious respirator fit testing violation, two “failure to report” violations under the ETS, and one NS respirator violation. The current proposed penalty is \$15,225. The file has been approved by the BC and was routed to the Director’s Office on 3/12/2022.

#### PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FATALITIES

- **Jessie Lane’s Landscaping & Trucking, Inc. (318226818)** – fatality where a dump truck driver was pinned between the bed of his truck and a skid steer. Two serious citations were issued on 2/8/2022 for the lack of jobsite inspections and training, with a penalty of \$4200. A settlement agreement was executed reducing the penalty to \$3192 in exchange for safety and health program stipulations.

#### Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator

- The draft FAME came in from Kim 2.28.22. There was one observation –Relating to the Investigation Abstract Summary. Kim shared the document she used for this observation. I communicated this was not an official document and not what is taught. She is working on SC FAME right now and will follow up later.
- Attended the Safety Health Council Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>. OSHA Focused Inspection on Health Care came up regarding State Plan States. Will State Plan States be required to do the same? (No)
- NOK 318239282 – Terry Osborne. Daughter called to assure that she was listed as NOK, not her father’s girlfriend. Asked why we were contacting her now, so many months after the incident. Explained how we were made aware of the incident. Report came in through the ME. Communicated with inspector and Paul.
- Preparing a Transmittal sheet. Should be sent by tomorrow.