

**Kevin Beauregard - Director's Office**

- April 28<sup>th</sup> is Worker's Memorial Day- Commissioner will join AFL-CIO on Capitol Grounds and issue joint statement
- NCDOL initiating rulemaking for permanent COVID Fatality/Hospitalization Reporting and Log standards for Healthcare in response to OSHA actions
- Fixed Asset Inventory and Certifications by BC/Director- Please coordinate with Tammy Higgins to meet the 5/31/22 deadline
- Penalty Stakeholder meetings – Business, advocacy groups, legislative representatives
- Partnership signing with Jacobs engineering at site of new \$2 billion Fuji pharma plant in Apex, NC was held yesterday (4/11/22)
- Draft Petition for NC Heat Stress Standard under Review- WA standard used as base
- Judyth Forte on leave until 4/22
- Tammy Higgins on leave until 4/18
- Fall Prevention campaign week of 5/2 of 5/2-5/7

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

- OSH Reviewer interviews scheduled for 4/20 in Raleigh at LBT
- Stay current on postings and keep interview schedules moving along
- Next fatalities meeting with Comm. Dobson is on 4/18
- SEI is due on 4/18 if you're not done with it yet
- Tammy is working on closing out our pandemic cell phones
- Be aware that only the latest PSIM certified casefile can be used during a hearing
- If anyone needs COVID PPE supplies, let me know

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

- Babbel Spanish online training went live April 11. APN 29 – Spanish Online Training Program, which details the criteria for the program has been posted to the One Stop Shop.
- New Calendar/Registration System is being finalized by FS and will be used for internal and external training. Hope to be live in the next couple of weeks.
- Meeting with the vendor weekly for the One Stop upgrade. Shared the design with KB.
- Proofs have been finalized for the new standards books and will be getting it processed this week. 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.

- SHMS should be ready next week. We are having two employees within ET&A test it out first.
- Our new Health trainer has already left, and the position has been reposted.

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

- CSB will be mailing approximately 3,000 marketing letters to small manufacturers in NC (NAICS starting with 3) to solicit more customers.
- CSB is actively working with STAR and Clean Harbors (employer) to clarify the employer's recognition program participation.
- National training for the draft revised form 33 was completed. The regional training is scheduled for April 22.
- Kevin O'Barr met with Carla Rose and verified that the bureau's record retention policies are still accurate.
- CSB is purchasing emergency response supplies for building staff in cooperation with the building emergency coordinator.
- CSB bureau meeting scheduled for June 6. Details still in planning.

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

- Preocc Stats 2022: 1976 registrations; 1655 inspections conducted; 1480 certificates issued, 662 provisionals (133 remaining)
- ASH IT program: No date has been set to resume meetings; Beth will follow up with Brent today.
- ASH positions: Eastern position: interviews were rescheduled for 4/19/22. Western positions were reposted today as bilingual positions and they close on 4/25/2022.
- All CSHOs have scheduled physicals for 2022.
- Staffing
  - Fully staffed
  - Office staff: 100% vaccinated; CSHOs (teleworkers): 66% vaccinated.
  - Danielle's last day is April 29<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**

- Charity Locklear has advised that for each floor monitor (for internal, shelter in place and for external, evacuation), there is going to need to be a primary and 2 alternate

floor monitors named. Beth and I will discuss to determine the shelter in place floor monitor and 2 alternates to cover 2 PSIM employees and the ASH Bureau staff for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of building B.

- PSIM is working with IT and Systel to install a new copier and a scanner.

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

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

- Personnel update
  - Current Status out of **55 CSHO positions** (26 Health and 29 Safety). This total includes the one position eliminated under the new salary plan.
    - **38 released CSHOs (69%)** – 21 Health (81%) and 17 Safety (60%)
      - SCO II Tom Hardesty retired March 31<sup>st</sup>.
      - SCO I Tracy Wolfe was released April 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - **5 CSHO Trainees (9%)**
      - SCO Jim Bartolovich (CLT, District 4) started on March 28, 2022.
      - SCO Arthur Richards (WS, District 6) should be released on or about May 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - **12 vacancies (22%)**
      - SCO Roberto Gonzalez (CLT, District 3) is scheduled to start in mid-May. He is coming from the Washington OSHA program.
      - A hiring package has been submitted to rehire former HCO Chris Sholar who worked in Charlotte several years ago.
  - Where is the West BC?
    - Raleigh from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> for the Industrial Ventilation Conference. I plan to sneak away for the BC meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the OSH Advisory Council meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at LBT.
    - Nashville from May 20<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup> for AIHCE.
  - We just received another favorable decision against Lennar Homes where Judge Laura Wetsch upheld the sole citation (29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13)) and full \$7000 penalty. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> win vs. Lennar in the last year or so. One was appealed to the Superior Court and two are still in the appeal window.
  - Notable fatality cases where citations have recently been issued or are nearing completion:

#### **CURRENT CASES (NOT YET ISSUED)**

- **R.D. Graham Electric, Inc. (318236056)** – fatality where an electrician was electrocuted while changing a light ballast. Two citations are recommended under Subpart S for electrical safety work practices and PPE. Current proposed penalty is \$8400. File has been approved by the BC and is back with the CSHO (now a DS) for revisions.
- COVID Fatalities:
  - **City of Asheboro Fire Department (318236015)** – Citations were issued 4/7/2022 for one serious violation for not fit testing N95 respirators and two NS violations for not reporting the fatality and hospitalization. Current penalty is \$11,500.
  - **Rowan County Sheriff's Office (318237617)** – A citation was issued 4/7/2022 for a NS violation for the failure to report the COVID fatality, with a penalty of \$4000.
  - **Transylvania County Sheriff's Office (318237344)** – Recommending one serious citation for improper respirator selection (KN95 instead of N95) and one NS citation for the failure to report a COVID fatality. Current proposed penalty is \$9550. File is in the BC queue for review.
  - **Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (318237476)** – Recommending one NS violation for the failure to report a COVID fatality. Current proposed penalty is \$4000. File is in BC queue for review.

#### PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FATALITIES

- **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. Citations were issued 3/22/2022 for a serious respirator fit testing violation, two “failure to report” violations under the ETS, and one NS respirator violation, with a penalty is \$15,225. An IC is scheduled for 4/12/2022.

**Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator**