

**Jennifer Haigwood - Director's Office**

- Worker Memorial Day – Friday, April 28
  - Commissioner Dobson is joining representatives from the state AFL-CIO for this annual press conference and memorial service.
  - Event is taking place on the south side of the Capitol building (Morgan St. side)
  - Open to the public and anyone can attend
- Agency Bill
  - Senate Bill 542 (DOL / Omnibus Law Changes) was heard in the Senate Commerce Committee today at 1 pm. No questions or comments, and the bill passed the committee unanimously on a voice vote.
  - The bill is scheduled to be heard tomorrow (Apr. 26) in the Senate Judiciary Committee. After Judiciary, the bill will go through the Rules Committee and finally to the full Senate for a floor vote.
  - As a reminder - specific to the OSH Division, Section 6 amends the OSH Act by allowing for electronic issuance of citations, and Section 8 repeals Article 22 (Safety and Health Programs and Committees).
- Construction Stand-Down Events – May 1-5
  - I'm joining Starsky and Todd at the May 1 event on Blue Ridge Road and the May 4 event at the Jacobs Engineering site in Holly Springs.
  - Charlotte Compliance staff may attend the May 2 event at the Charlotte Airport
- OSHSPA Salary Survey
  - The state of Washington is compiling a survey of state-plan salary information. This covers compliance, consultation and discrimination.
  - Broken down by Entry, Journey, Senior and Expert Levels
  - We will submit by Friday
- OSH Advisory Council Meeting – reminder, Tuesday, May 2, 10 am at Lake Boone Trail

**Paul Sullivan – Assistant Director's Report**

- OPN 149A (Amputations SEP revisions) has been completed and signed. Thanks to ETTA for their help on review and formatting. I will be sending out an email today to all the district supervisors and BCs with a summary of the changes, which primarily involve the targeting system and the coding.
- The hiring of CSHO trainees seems to be going well, HCO probably better than SCO to this point. We currently have four true HCO trainees in the East and one in the West – with one scheduled to start in late May. We also have two at the hiring package/conditional offer stage in the West.

- All trainees will serve a two-year training program before being considered “fully qualified.” The only exception will be SCO trainees that come in with some experience. Once they reach that two-year mark, they will be bumped to the starting salary for the fully qualified HCO or SCO. They may receive a bump at the one-year mark, but that will depend on any legislative increases received.
- The OSHA 125 course is planned for June 5-15 in Charlotte. The class will be limited to the new HCOs. The agenda has been set, but the instructors may change a bit as I’m looking to add a couple more of our CIH’s to the class – namely Ushang Desai and Matt Gruber.
- The Vent Conference is May 8-11 in North Raleigh. I will be in and out that week as I juggle work and teaching. We will have four of our new CSHOs there.

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

- Instructional Designer position closed last Wednesday – have 32 applicants.
- Joseph Davis broke his leg this morning in the parking deck.
- Refer to the Training calendar for current offers such as OCSS, and SEP courses.
- Have the Fall Stand Down in May and the Trenching and Excavation in June. Webinars and billboards are being done for both. Two L1 events for the Fall Stand Down.
- Tim Hogan to retire this Spring.
- Out of standards books but have to keep proofing their templates as they continue to have new errors.
- Jacopo finished reviewing the Combustible Dust NEP CPL and will be forwarding it to the BCs for comment.

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

- May 1 Sonoco Raleigh ten year SHARP event
- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter lapse (request received to opening conference) was 96 days.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter lapse was 107 days. 90-100 days is a good target and we haven’t been in that range in quite a while.
- 21(d) funding formula workgroup continues our work. We hope to announce the new plan at the national meeting in June.
- Buddy Amerson is the fall stand down POC for next week at the Charlotte airport with HEFL.

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

- Preocc Stats: 2055 registrations; 1822 inspections conducted, 1679 certificates issued, 546 provisionals , 48 outstanding.
- Attended FLPG meeting Wednesday, 4/12/23.

- ASH IT program: meetings will resume now that BC is no longer conducting preoccs
- Compliance: Jameson Quinn Farms (Fatality meeting conducted on 2/13/23) under review by Beth.
- Open position closed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, received 2 applicants one of which was interviewed previously. One interview scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, will do virtually and then in-person for second interview.
- Beth off Thursday afternoon of 4/27 and then next Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Current meetings/groups - Farmworker Vaccine Plan Project Management Team Advisory Group (once per month)

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

- Outstanding disclosures still holding around 350 releasable after we process/redact.
- Interviews for Karen's position of Targeting System Administrator were conducted last week. The hiring package will be forwarded to Tammy today (Tuesday, April 25, 2023).
- The Public Sector Injury and Illness Survey will be mailed near the end of May. We have intentionally delayed sending out this year's survey so that Karen's replacement can experience the process from the initial mailing to the survey's end.
- The implementation of the ShareFile software continues to progress. IT came by yesterday just to provide a quick update and to review where the equipment for PSIM will be set up, etc. Brent will work on establishing some written procedures. I suggested that he talk with Legal Affairs about setting up one procedure for the entire department to follow in order to be consistent.

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

- Staffing
  - Health release – 3/ 19%
  - Health Training – 5/ 31%
  - Health Vacant – 8/ 50%
  - Safety Release – 10/ 48%
  - Safety Training – 4/ 19%
  - Safety Vacant – 7/ 33%
  - **Overall** – 13/35% release; 9/24% Training; 15/41% vacant
  - Vacant District 8 Supervisor; Interview schedule for May 1st
  - Submitted paperwork to reclassify the HCO I position in Wilmington to HCO II
  - New employee Omobolagi Fawole started yesterday, 4/25/23 as an HCO trainee
  - New SCO I, Mark Tulio, will start tomorrow 4/26/23 in Wilmington field office.

- District 8
  - CSHO II Dozier has been assisting BC Brown with managing D8 incoming complaints and accidents;
  - Assignments from Targeting Assignment list is being handled by BC Brown
  - 2 requests for review/appeals received; BC has made contact with one complainant and has evaluated complaint; no further follow-up will be recommended; 2<sup>nd</sup> one BC has not been able to make contact with the complainant to get clarification on their concerns
  - Two interviews are scheduled for D8 this week. SCO and HCO position
- Fatality / CFR cases ongoing
  - Wolfsped, Inc. #318254109 citations were issued, and the IC is scheduled for 4/28/23.
  - East Carolina University fatality routed to Director's Office on 4/24/23; recommended failure to report citation.
  - RAV Construction 318255981 – informal conference today, 4/25/23; Two CSHOs in training will be sitting in on the IC with BC Brown to satisfy OPN 64 requirement.

Worked with Legal Counsel to develop a ER/NOK accident notification letter that informs the injured party and/or their family that we are conducting an inspection when employers have an Attorney representing the company and management officials; it is mainly for non-managerial employees so that they are aware of their rights

#### **Lee Peacock -West Compliance Bureau**

- Personnel update
  - Current Status out of **58 CSHO positions** (27 Health and 31 Safety).
    - **37 released CSHOs (63.8%)** – 18 Health (67%) and 19 Safety (61%)
    - **7 CSHO Trainees (12%)**
    - **12 current vacancies (21%); 7 (HCO1/T) 5 (SCO1/T)**
    - **Of the 7 HCO1/T positions; Jennie has 2 awaiting offers, Laura has 1 screening apps, Nancy has 1 interview scheduled for 5/3.**
    - **Of the 5 SCO1/T positions, Sups are screening apps on 4 of them.**
    - **Kay- 1 SCO (Adam Knox) start date 5/30, Rob- 1HCOT (Samantha Case) start date 5/22**
    - **1 SCO- D2 (Jennifer Hartle) resigned. DS working on request to post and PAR.**
    - **2 SCOs (Roberto Gonzalez and Adam Key) anticipating released by end of April and First of May**
    - **1 SCO anticipating (Christina Medina) release by June**

#### **CURRENT FATALITIES**

- **Egger Wood Products- March-** EE troubleshooting saw machine, pressure bar made contact and pulled ee into machine; Fat Update scheduled for 5/4.

- **Friends Masonry**- Mast climbing scaffold collapse; CSHO preparing file. Fat Findings/Citations Update scheduled for 5/4. Emailed Kim Morton to follow-up from last week meeting on fed OSHA engineer's analysis report.
- **Town of Boiling Springs**- Employee was collecting leaves with a dump truck leaf vacuum attachment when he was run over by the truck. CSHO working.
- **Jordan Enterprises**- Employee was struck by tree limb while cutting down another tree. CSHO working. Citations- BC Reviewing
- **WestRock Converting (318256708)**- Fire at facility on 11/20/22; EE called in to turn a section of the power off for the building. On 12/3/22, ee went to VA hospital for shortness of breath, coughing, admitted and later deceased on 12/9/22. ME reported death may have been contributed to smoke and chemical fumes inhalation during fire. BC Reviewing- no citations
- **Parton Lumber**- Employee struck by Forklift while reversing; CSHO working- Citations.
- **Paragon Site Solutions**- EE operating excavator was returning to the cab when he hit a lever, knocking him down and getting caught b/w the tracks and equipment. CSHO working; no citations
- **West Springdale**; fall from tree branch while cutting tree. Citations- AD Reviewed and CSHO working on corrections
- **Aiken-Black Tire Service**- EE struck by exploding tire during inflation. Potential Willful citation; CSHO working.
- **Ace/Avant Concrete**; Fall while cutting concrete floor. 2 ees fell; 1 killed 1 treated and released; CSHO working
- **Herc Rentals**: struck by/caught between hydraulic arm; Potential Willful citation- CSHO working
- **Biltmore House**: Employee struck by falling tree while walking to car. Fat update on 4/24- no citations.

#### SIGNIFICANT CASE RESOLUTION:

- **Strates Shows (318254737)**- CO overexposure while sleeping in trailer; At DO for reviewing- must issue date is 4/26 (tomorrow). 2 Ser 2 NS penalty \$14,000
- **BlueSky Restoration (318253457)**- Fall through skylight with Willful Citation; citations issued-penalty \$160,000; Jennie conducted IC and working on terms of proposed settlement.
- **Baxter Healthcare (318256781)**- FL Fatality- 3 Serious Citations; penalty \$42,000; closing scheduled for 4/26; citations to be issued on 4/27.
- **Duke Energy (318208642)**; 12/20 Er Referral; arc flash- close to settlement; scheduling meeting with attorney to discuss abatements.
- **Preferred Electric (318197381)**: 6/20 electrical shock/burns; contested; working on settlement.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

\*Charlotte Office; Johnson Controls will be installing an electronic security access system.

Waiting on scheduling.

\*Spanish Witness Statement forms; LAD and AGs have approved. Next step is to work with the print shop then schedule training with the staff.

\*Received/distributed laminated Spanish/English word cards for staff.

\* 8 SCO/HCOs attended the #1230 Accident/Incident Investigation course-Kentucky last week.

\*NUCA rolling out new campaign Think Inside The Box. Preparing speaking points for ¼ meeting with H&S Committee.

\*Working with Deidre on updating the penalty write off spreadsheet and updating policy.

**Judyth Forte – State Plan Coordinator**

- Region 4 meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> went well. The follow up to that is Kim and Kurt were interested in the OSHNC Update and The Labor ledger. I sent copies to Kim
- Kim will be attending the Memorial Day service at the Capitol
- The Quarterly Meeting will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- I will be on vacation from 29<sup>th</sup> April to May 13<sup>th</sup>.