



CHILDHOOD AGRICULTURAL SAFETY NETWORK MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. ET

Attendees: Marilyn Adams-*Farm Safety 4 Just Kids*, Shari Burgus-*Farm Safety 4 Just Kids*, Tammy Ellis-*Nat'l Children's Center*, Susan Gallagher-*Tufts University School of Medicine*, Bernard Geschke-*Progressive Agriculture Foundation*, Charlotte Halverson-*National Education Center for Agricultural Safety*, Dr. David Hard-*NIOSH*, Scott Heiberger-*Nat'l Children's Center*, Barbara Lee-*Nat'l Children's Center*, Amy Liebman-*Migrant Clinicians Network*, Mary Miller-U.S. Dept of Labor; OSHA, Dan Neenan-*Nat'l Safety Council*, Marsha Purcell-*American Farm Bureau Federation*, Natalie Roy-*AgriSafe Network*, Sharon Scofield-*NYCAMH/NEC*, Robin Tutor-*North Carolina Agromedicine Institute*

1) Welcome and Roll Call:

Barb Lee extended a welcome to all in attendance and took roll call.

2) CASN In-person meeting:

- Barb Lee announced the CASN in-person meeting at the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (formerly National Institute for Farm Safety) Conference will be held on Monday, June 27th from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Grove Hotel and Conference Center, Boise, Idaho. The meeting is open to all. There will be a major discussion on [Blueprint for Knowledge Translation \(B4KT\)](#). The B4KT Core Team will be soliciting your input on goals and strategies for the future.

3) Think Tank

- The CASN Think Tank Session “Advancing our understanding of how child development and caregiver supervision relates to pediatric farm injury” featuring speaker, Dr. Barbara Morrongiello was held **Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm (EDT)**.

4) New Member:

- A warm welcome will be extended to the Children's Center new Research Specialist; Marsha Salzwedel; she will be starting in her new position in May 2011 and will be the main contact for CASN.

5) Update NIOSH Funding (through 2013) & Sustainability:

- The NIOSH Agricultural Center Directors have been teleconferencing every week with an in-person meeting in March to discuss the next steps to secure continued funding. Efforts are starting to pay off. The funding for the current fiscal year ends in Sept 2011.

6) Calendars

- There will be no CASN calendars for 2012. We will gauge interest for a 2013 calendar with more lead time and more commitments to make it happen.

7) 60 Minutes

- Barbara Lee and Amy Liebman provided information for the **Children in the Fields** 60 minutes report by David Schneider on Sunday May 22 at 8pm ET. In agriculture, children as young as 12 are allowed to work unlimited hours outside of school. Byron Pitts reports on the "Migrant Stream" and the families who are part of it whose children work alongside them in the fields for minimum wage. CASN recommended a balanced story <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7366906n&tag=contentMain;contentBody>
Read more: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/03/06/60minutes/main13502.shtml#ixzz1PqazNveP>

7) **NCCRAHS Updates**

- NIOSH published an Impact Sheet on the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks. Impact Sheets are a part of a series of products that are designed to clearly and concisely communicate the relevance and impact of research to industry, labor, academic, government, and non-government stakeholders. Impact Sheets briefly describe an occupational safety or health hazard, the specific NIOSH or NIOSH-funded research activity that was conducted to address the hazard, the resulting impact or recommendations, and certain salient statistics. The NAGCAT Impact Sheet is located at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-129/>.

8) **Status Child Labor in Agriculture Regulations**

- The new regulations are expected to come out in May. Mary Miller asked members to be able to respond in favor or ask for additional clarification. We should see a federal announcement with a link on a webpage. This will not change the regulations for 16 or 17 year olds working for hire. No change for family farms. Dept of Labor can change regulations, but cannot exceed limits of the acts of Fair Labor Standards Act which needs Congress. Voice support where appropriate.

9) **Blueprint for Knowledge Translation**

- The Journal of Agromedicine will have a dedicated issue for the Blueprint for Knowledge Translation. Authors were solicited from 16 topic areas. Sept 16 is the date to submit articles to Taylor and Francis publishing company. CASN will receive a draft of the recommended strategies in 3-4 weeks. We will solicit comments on whether or not the content was clear or if any modifications need to be made. Document will also be sent to the scientific advisors. We will have a discussion at the CASN in-person meeting at ISASH (International Society of Agricultural Safety and Health). The Blueprint document will then be posted on the CASN website 3-4 weeks later for public comment.

10) **CASN List Serve**

- We encourage members to share child agricultural injury information using the list serve. Amy Liebman will send Tammy Ellis a list of ~~folks~~ participants who are using it.

11) **Organizational Updates**

National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (Barbara Lee)

The NCCRAHS will be posting the call for mini-grant applications due August 19th. Check the website for more details: <http://marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/minigrants/>

AgriSafe (Natalie Roy)

AgriSafe is working on improving competency following up from a mini-grant from NCCRAHS.

FS4JK (Marilyn Adams and Shari Burgus)

There have been a number of regional workshops in AL, SD and other states. There has been chapter training and resource editing. Successful Farming grants are available for \$250. FS4JK continues to work on a small grant with *Successful Farmer* to provide \$250.00 to farm families to improve safety.

North Carolina Agromedicine Institute (Robin Tutor)

Completed an NCCRAHS mini-grant to implement Agritourism guidelines on a North Carolina farm (Lazy O Farm). Robin invited Tami Thompson, operator of Lazy O Farm, to share her experience for our in-person meeting in NC last June.

Migrant Clinicians Network (Amy Liebman)

Amy received funding for another 5 years for integrating environmental health. The EPA is requesting comments and feedback on pesticide labels in Spanish. Amy will send out information on the CASN listserv on how to comment.

US Dept of Labor (Mary Miller)

A Task Force was assembled on workers in agriculture. There have been a number of heat related illnesses and grain entrapments in youth. Mary will be returning to Washington Labor and Industries in July.

American Farm Bureau Federation (Marsha Purcell)

National Women's Leadership Conference was held three times. Will continue to work with NYCAMH see below, which is correct acronym spelling?, Dennis Murphy and Sam Steel regarding manure storage ventilation.

NECAS (Dan Neenan and Charlotte Halverson)

Farm Safety and Health Week will be the third week in September. "Safety Counts; your Community Depends on It" NECAS has hosted a number of parish nurse presentations with resources and promotions. NECAS has also had safety trainings for their grain engulfment simulator. NECAS has grain, vinyard, and tobacco farm safety kits.

Farm Safety Association (Dean Anderson)

Working with Progressive Agriculture Foundation on program coordinator trainings and have developed a voluntary advisory group.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association CASA (Diane Wreford)

Glen Blahey will be presenting the launch of the National Farm Safety Plan. North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week will be May 1-7, 2011

NYCAMH/NEC (*Sharon Scofield*)

NYCAMH requested permission to link to NCCRAHS. NYCAMH has helped with tractor operator courses, and worked with Pennsylvania State and Kay Moyer to identify hazards to eliminate PTO occurrences. Working with 4H to raise funds for PTO shields.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation (Bernard Geschke)

Conducting Progressive Agriculture Safety Days™ in the US and Canada. These safety days could reach 100,000 participants with the help of adult and older teen volunteers. Progressive Ag will reach the milestone of reaching their 1 millionth child this summer.

CDC/NIOSH (David Hard)

Discussed continued NIOSH funding and thanked members for continued efforts to keep NIOSH federally funded.

Meeting adjourned