



CHILDHOOD AGRICULTURAL SAFETY NETWORK

MEETING NOTES

Monday, June 27, 2011 – 6:30-9:00 p.m. ET

Attendees: Glen Blahey-CASA, Shari Burgus-Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, James Carrabba-NYCAMH, Dr. George Conway-NIOSH, Mike DeSpain-Deere & Company, Janet Ehlers-NIOSH, Tammy Ellis Nat'l Children's Center, Barbara Gallagher-NC AgriSafe Nurse, Susan Gallagher-Tufts University School of Medicine, Bernard Geschke-Progressive Agriculture Foundation, Lamar Grafft-University of Iowa, Charlotte Halverson-National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, Dr. David Hard-NIOSH, Marcy Harrington-PNASH, Scott Heiberger -Nat'l Children's Center, Dee Jepson-Ohio State University, Susan Jones-Western Kentucky University, Dr. Matthew Keifer-National Farm Medicine Center, Andrew Kirk- Oregon Health and Sciences University, Barbara Lee- Nat'l Children's Center, Amy Liebman-Migrant Clinicians Network, Mike Love-University of Delaware Coop Extension, Barbara Marlenga, Nat'l Children's Center, Deb McCallum-University of Alabama, Sandy Miller-Farm Safety Association, Emily Morehouse-National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Dennis Murphy-Pennsylvania State University, Helen Murphy-Robinson-Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health, William Nelson-CHS Foundation, Sharry Nielsen-University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension, Cindy Nilsson-FS4JK, Marsha Purcell-American Farm Bureau Federation, Risto Rautiainen-University of Nebraska Medical Center, Deborah Reed-University of Kentucky, Diane Rohlman-Oregon Health and Sciences University, Marsha Salzwedel, Nat'l Children's Center, Tara Seel-CASA-ACSA, Cheryl Tevis-Successful Farming, Diane Wreford-Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and Aaron Yoder-Pennsylvania State University

1) Welcome and Introductions:

Barb Lee called the meeting to order at 4:40 ET, extended a warm welcome to all in attendance and asked attendees to introduce themselves and share information on what organization with which they are involved.

2) Report on 2011 Activities:

- Barb Lee introduced Marsha Salzwedel; she will be managing the Child Agricultural Safety Network. Risto Rautiainen gave a summary of the Motivating Farm Parents to Create Safe Play Areas on Farms research project. He shared that the research team had a difficult time recruiting 450 families from 6 mid-western states to participate. In April 2011, the team recruited its 450th family and started the intervention. The NAGCAT and SaGHAF guidelines are being explored to use the right mechanisms to disseminate to farm parents and agricultural industries.

3) NIOSH Funding and CASN Sustainability:

- The NIOSH funded agricultural centers and the Educational Resource Centers were a line item in the president's budget cuts. Time has been spent with policy leaders and congressmen to keep these programs federally funded. Fiscal year 2011 funds have been retained.

4) CASN Website and Listserv:

- Members of the Childhood Agricultural Safety Network (CASN) List Serve are welcomed to post information. As a reminder, this is a free and open discussion forum for professionals and others interested in childhood agricultural safety and health. The CASN Listserv is moderated by CASN and housed at the Migrant Clinicians Network. Anyone with an interest in childhood agricultural injury and health prevention may join. We welcome postings on safety and health that provide: a) Information about current events, conferences, advocacy campaigns, job announcements or publications relevant to and having explicit links to childhood agricultural safety and health, b) Substantive queries or comments directly addressing issues relevant to and making explicit links to childhood agricultural safety and health, and c) Information or substantive queries about childhood agricultural safety and health issues that could impact the childhood agricultural safety and health prevention area.
- Community email addresses:
Post message: CASN@migrantclinician.com
Subscribe: CASN-join@migrantclinician.com
Unsubscribe: CASN-leave@migrantclinician.com
List owner: CASN-owner@migrantclinician.com
List Archives: www.migrantclinician.com/CASN/archives

5) Media Guidelines and ATV Campaign

- The Media Guidelines were made in consultation with media members from the Children's Center funded-Journalists' Workshop and CASN members to help minimize unsafe depictions, developed and released in 2010. This concise set of do's and don'ts serve as reminders for media professionals, and all agricultural communicators and marketers. Following these guidelines can help each of us be confident that we are doing our part for farm safety. The media guidelines are available at <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/CASNMediaGuidelines/>. Scott Heiberger and the media guidelines have been featured by the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ), the Agricultural Communications Documentation Center (ACDC) and the University of Illinois for the article "Keeping a safe eye on what we write, say and show in agriculture; media guidelines for agricultural safety" CASN members are encouraged to distribute these guidelines to their media personnel and other media outlets.
- Member asked if there is an organized campaign to address unsafe practices in the media. If a national campaign reflects unsafe practices (extra rider, etc.) then CASN can send a letter to the company. If it is something local, members are encouraged to contact their local agricultural health and safety specialists to address the company's campaign.

6) ATV Campaign

- The ATV Public Awareness Campaign "Did You Know" materials are still available. Posters and rack cards can be downloaded and printed from: www.childagsafety.org.

7) Blueprint for Protecting Children in Agriculture: Updated Action Plan

- The Draft of the Updated National Action Plan will be prepared by a core team of six individuals with suggestions for refinement from 20 child safety researchers and practitioners. This Draft is set forth for public review and feedback in order to solicit valuable input to help guide future strategies and priorities. The final "Blueprint" document will include additional components including definitions, examples of model programs, links to other relevant strategic plans, and key references. There will be a dedicated issue of the Journal of Agromedicine 17(2) to address the Updated National Action Plan with very detailed recommendations that further explain and justify many of the recommended strategies. A draft of the plan will be shared with the public for comment in August at: <http://blueprint4feedback.com>. The comment period will be open until Sept 15, 2011.

8) Organization Updates:

Penn State University (Aaron Yoder)

Working with the NCERA197 committee, the multistate research coordinating committee and information group for agricultural safety and health research and Extension in the land grant system to form a Community of Practice (CoP) at www.eXtension.org for Farm Safety and Health. This CoP will allow for internet-based collaboration and exchange of Agricultural Safety and Health information with other professionals as well as the general public. The four committee members in charge of leading the development of this CoP: Dee Jepsen, Ohio State; Dennis Murphy, Penn State; Michael Pate, Utah State; and Aaron Yoder, Penn State. There are also 13 other members assisting and various other groups.

The committee is currently working on a FAQ sheet. More information about eXtension.org can be found at: <http://about.eXtension.org/>

Ohio State University (Dee Jepsen)

Developed a national publication for markings on pony carts. OSU Extension recommendations follow this ASAE recommended practice for lighting and marking of buggies http://hostedweb.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/agsafety/glc/affiliated_programs/amish_buggy.html. National 4H has provided funding for ATV safety and an ASI rider instructor course. Lack of certification activity as documented by The Ohio State University and The Pennsylvania State University indicated poor quality and out of date materials as major reasons for not offering classes. A current project is developing, testing, and demonstrating certification materials and procedures for a national certification program.

Pennsylvania State University (Dennis Murphy)

Working on establishing a National Safe Tractor and Machinery Certificate Program. The project goal was to develop materials for use with youth for safe tractor and machinery operation with videos and translation into Spanish. PSU also worked with high school 4H Teams who competed at the Farm Show with 5 sponsors and 4 teams in the Farm Safety and Health Quiz bowl. Dr. Murphy also expressed the need for supervision of small children on farms. PA has 5-7 deaths per year due to lack of supervision.

University of IA (Lamar Grafft)

Participating in educational outreach and paying attention to safety and health issues. IA is providing grants for Agricultural Youth Injury Prevention for up to \$500. Annual funds have been designated for Iowa community grants targeted at prevention of farm-related injury in young people (less than 19 years of age) <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/ICASH/programs/Youth-Ag-Safety-Grants/index.html>. IA is continuing to provide Agricultural Medicine: Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals training at University of Iowa. To provide basic information and skills to enable the health care professional to function in the anticipation, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of occupational illnesses and injuries in the farm community <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/ICASH/education/agmedtraining.html>

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA-ACSA) (Tara Seel)

Joined CASA one month ago; Tara has a journalism background. Visit CASA at twitter at: twitter.com/planfarmsafety

CASA (Glen Blahey)

Working on administering \$425,000 in grants to promote farm safety. CASA worked with Equine Guelph <http://www2.ovc.uoguelph.ca/equimania/index.asp> to develop an activity book for child safety and horses. Working on the development of standardized health and safety plans for employees, focusing on safety and health practices.

NECAS- (Charlotte Halverson)

Hosted three Farm Safety Days with Progressive Agriculture for 300 children and will be participating in Fall Harvest Safety Days. NECAS now has a portable grain bin for grain entrapment and rescue and has had safety trainings for their grain engulfment simulator. NECAS will be participating in MN Farm Fest sponsored by Monsanto. Farm Safety and Health Week will be the third week in September using the theme "Safety Counts; your Community Depends on It". NECAS has hosted a number of parish nurse presentations with resources and promotions. NECAS is looking for information on farm children and asthma, hearing, and dermatological conditions. Dr. Matt Keifer will follow-up.

Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (Sandy Miller)

Serves as a volunteer coordinator for Safety Days and participates on the Rural Volunteer Advisory Group. Sandy Miller has used ATV resources from NCCRAHS and CASN and she provides coordinator training for Progressive Agriculture Foundation focusing on ATV Safety and safety in the Mennonite community.

University of KY College of Nursing (Deb Reed)

Has received funding for nursing programs across the US to develop curriculum for pediatric injuries. KY is working on a program to mimic the NAGCAT Guidelines for use with older farmers. Dr. Reed expressed concern with the number of children being extra riders on riding lawnmowers.

Western KY University (Susan Jones)

Has been working to implement community based groups and working with old order Mennonite. Susan Jones expressed the need for culturally sensitive materials as mental health issues continue to surface.

UNL Extension (Sharry Nielsen)

Providing tractor safety certifications regionally. ATV safety training is being focused at adults and kids. Sharry Nielsen also is active with AgrAbility.

University of Nebraska Medical Center (Risto Rautiainen)

Building capacity at the University of Nebraska for programs. Will be conducting Occupational Agricultural Medicine Course for AgriSafe in 2 weeks.

NYCAMH (James Carrabba)

Participated in outreach education with 56 events and 1500 youth. Also conducted a 4H farm safety survey. NY State had a tractor operating contest. Center also developed a Kids Corner section <http://www.nycamh.com/kidscorner/> of the website and are working with the FFA chapters to fit shields for PTO shafts.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation (Bernard Geschke)

Conducting Progressive Agriculture Safety Days™ in the US and Canada. Four hundred 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. T-shirts complement ATV safety push. PAF is planning and scheduling one safety training on a cruise ship.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (Emily Morehouse)

Managing Health and Safety grant programs. FY2012 funding is unknown, funding may have a focus on underserved populations <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/farmsafety.cfm>.

NIOSH (David Hard)

Working with the Blueprint for Knowledge Translation team to draft the Updated National Action Plan. Working with Public Health funded by NORA Ag Sector for NAGCAT Tractor operations and continuing to help with roll-over protection projects.

OSHA Dept of Labor (Mary Miller)

Coordinating comments for the Agricultural Child Labor rules that will be released soon. Mary expressed concern over “Parents bring your child to work days”. Parents are bringing children to work settings including dangerous construction sites. Once the new child regulations are released Mary is willing to be a contact for everyone.

American Farm Bureau Federation (Marsha Purcell)

Coordinating state farm bureau educators on important topics such as equine, ATV, ponds, distracted driver and ABC's on farm.

University of Alabama (Deb McCallum)

Continuing to work on enhanced curriculum for Farm Safety Days. Researched the impact of farm safety day camps and determined that families of camp participants were involved in making safety-related changes following the camps even if the parents did not participate.

Tuft University School of Medicine (Susan Gallagher)

Working on the Blueprint for Knowledge Translation Team as the co-director to gather and synthesize findings from childhood agricultural injury research and interventions that have been conducted since the 2001 Summit on Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention. Recommendations will serve as the foundation upon which strategies and priorities will be set for the next decade.

PNASH (Marcy Harrington)

Working with Catherine Karr an assistant professor of Pediatrics on “Aggravating Factors of Asthma in a Rural Environment” http://depts.washington.edu/pnash/project_officers

Oregon Health and Sciences University (Andrew Kirk)

Working on occupational safety and health pesticide safety training.

Oregon Health and Sciences University (Diane Rohlman)

Working on health effects outcomes and community perceptions of pesticide exposures

NIOSH (Janet Ehlers)

Working on noise induced hearing loss in the farm population. Resources are now in Spanish on the web. NIOSH will be having a live online workshop October 4th; 3-4:15 ET <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join>.

AgriSafe (Natalie Roy)

Soliciting resources for AgriSafe, the AgriSafe Network aims to provide appropriate and timely training opportunities via webinars, training, continuing education, and workshops for Network members and affiliates. Through partnering with the National Rural Health Association and the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, the Network has been able to offer a series of fantastic speakers. Contact Natalie if you are not on the list serve to receive webinar announcements.

CASA (Diane Wreford)

Launched new video for auger and tractor safety. Health and safety messages were aimed at parents and children on planned farm safety <http://www.casa-acsa.ca/content/pages/video>.

FS4JK (Cindy Nilsson)

Lost a cousin who was killed in farm incident, Cindy had "liked" FS4JK on Face book and then offered assistance with FS4JK programs. Cindy is a physical therapist for adults and kids with neurological and behavioral disorders.

FS4JK (Shari Burgus)

FS4JK has 120 chapters with 10 outreach coordinators in 10 states. FS4JK has developed new chemical safety packets. Successful Farming Farm Family grants available until Sept 1, 2011. These grants are available to build a fence around your kids play area, purchasing a storage unit for chemicals, replacing your SMV emblems or hiring someone to watch your kids during harvest/planting. Applicants can apply for a \$250 grant from Farm Safety 4 Just Kids and Successful Farming for more information: <http://www.fs4jk.org/cgi-bin/homepagedetails.pl?1305661257>. 10 are awarded every year with an announcement prior to farm safety and health week. Marilyn Adams is working on the endowment campaign for the kids.

Successful Farming (Cheryl Tevis)

Expressed her appreciation for all those who do agricultural health and safety work. Cheryl has worked with FS4JK, Extension, Dee Jepson, Dennis Murphy, Bill Field and many others around the table. She has worked on initiatives including AgriSafe and Agromedicine and has written articles encouraging farmers to be safe and use personal protective equipment and perform safety inspections. She promotes hearing conservation, grain bin safety, and roadway safety. <http://www.agriculture.com/persona?id=907>

NC AgriSafe Network (Barb Gallagher)

Have had 5 deaths due to ATV incidences and 6 deaths due to truck incidences. Barb will be hosting the 1st Progressive Ag Day and she feels that NC needs more education.

Migrant Clinicians Network (Amy Liebman)

Developed a comic book with support from FS4JK and NCCRAHS: <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/proxy/MCRF-Centers-NFMC-NCCRAHS-resources-AunqueCerca.1.pdf>. The initial distribution was 60,000 copies with a second distribution of 180,000. Amy has been working with the EPA funding national strategy for health care providers integrating occupational medicine and capacity building for peri-natal programs has been a big focus. Amy was also the recipient of the Lauren Kerr Award in DC in November 2010.

PNASH (Helen Murphy)

Informed CASN that the CDC publicized the top 10 programs and that childhood agricultural health and safety was among the top ten. Helen has been the director of outreach for PNASH and has partnered with Story Core for one of the largest oral history projects and submitted 2 agricultural stories related to children.

Cenex Harvest States (William Nelson)

Expressed support for child ag safety programs such as Farm Safety for Just Kids, Progressive Agriculture, 4H, and the Pathways Project.

Deere and Company (Mike DeSpain)

Expressed support for organizations such as FFA with health and safety challenges. Teams get 5-10 questions and competing teams are awarded prizes. Mike also brought to our attention that the Keep kids off Tractors campaign should be expanded to lawn mowers.

CASN took a break to allow a transition for those who wanted to stay and participate to work with the Blueprint Team to review draft document.