

## Centers & Institutes Directors

### Minutes: November 19, 2010

C&I Directors present: Mr. Don Gamble, Center for Career and Technical Personnel Preparation  
Mr. Sam Gualardo, PA-OSHA Consultation Program  
Mr. Ron Moreau, Government Contracting Services  
Dr. Gian Pagnucci, Center for Digital Humanities and Culture  
Mr. Lou Pesci, Highway Safety Center  
Dr. Tim Runge, Child Study Center and Center for Gifted Education

Others attending: Dr. Hilliary Creely, Asst Dean for Research, School of Graduate Studies and Research

- C&I Five-Year Review Status Update
  - Dr. Creely reported that five center reviews were completed during October and November, as scheduled. Ten reviews are scheduled for Spring Semester 2011. She finds the process to be an easy way for centers to convey their activities, as opposed to the annual report.
- Marketing Funds Status Update
  - Dr. Creely reported that seven centers applied for marketing funds. She will work with Paula Stossel, Director of Marketing in the School of Graduate Studies and Research, on these requests. Dr. Pagnucci suggested that this should become a yearly option for centers, if possible. Other directors present said that they do not need help with marketing because they currently have enough or too much center work.
- Finding PA/Local Funding Opportunities
  - Dr. Creely said that in response to a suggestion made at the last C&I Directors meeting, SGSR has purchased a subscription to Pennsylvania Foundations Online. This is an online database of smaller, regional funding opportunities. Center directors should contact their Project Development Officer at the Research Institute to request a search for funding using this resource.
- RI Advisory Board Member
  - Dr. Creely thanked Dr. Gian Pagnucci, who is replacing Dr. Beverly Chiarulli, as the Centers & Institutes representative to the Research Advisory Board.
- Feature Presentation: PA-OSHA Consultation Program
  - Mr. Sam Gualardo distributed a short hand-out (attached) and brochure which describes the work of the PA-OSHA Consultation Program. OSHA consultation services were mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Act in 1970, and the OSHA-Consultation Program was established in 1983 at IUP. The program assists private-sector employers in Pennsylvania in understanding and complying with applicable safety and health regulations enforced by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It is one of 50 OSHA consultation programs (one in each state) and is funded by federal funds that are passed through the state. Of the 50 programs, only 10 are housed in universities. The program received approximately \$1.7 million in funding this fiscal year. It employs 12

consultants and two clerical staff members. They currently have a backlog of approximately 350 requests for consultation services. The program has been recognized by both the national OSHA and state-wide clients as outstanding.

- Common Concerns for Targeted Problem Solving
  - The directors discussed the difficulties in finding providing AWE (Alternate Work Equivalency) funding for center directors. Dr. Creely agreed to research the issue and provide information at the next center director meeting.
- Next Meeting
  - Dr. Creely will send an email message to the center directors at the beginning of Spring Semester to determine the best days, times, and frequency for future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Serio

# PA OSHA Consultation



## OVERVIEW

- Mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970
- 2 entities assuring workplace safety and health compliance under OSHA
  - 1) Consultation *carrot approach*
  - 2) Enforcement *stick approach*
- One of 50 OSHA Consultation Programs nationally
- One of 10 university-based programs
- One of the largest long-term grants on campus...\$1.7M
- Recognized by OSHA as “the best” consultation program
- Recognized consistently by employer-clients as outstanding
- HQ at IUP with a staff of 15
- Both safety and health consultants located throughout PA

## CLIENT SERVICES

- Free onsite safety and health regulatory compliance consultation
- Safety Management program assistance (beyond compliance)
- Daily offsite assistance via phone/email
- Other assistance, e.g. seminars, workshops, presentations
- Since 1983 at IUP
  - ✓ More than 25,000 consultant visits to PA worksites
  - ✓ Over 115,000 serious and other than serious hazards corrected
  - ✓ Employers saved over \$805M from potential OSHA fines

- ✓ **Countless worker injuries / illnesses and deaths prevented**

*Each consultant identifies an average of 4.5 serious hazards and SAVES the employer some \$31,500 in OSHA fines per visit\*\**

### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

- **Many Participating Employers Can:**
  - ✓ ***Avoid* identification as high-injury worksite**
  - ✓ ***Avoid* mandatory OSHA inspections**
  - ✓ ***Qualify* for ongoing OSHA Inspection Deferral**
  - ✓ ***Minimize* workers compensation costs**
  - ✓ ***Improve* profitability and business success**
  - ✓ ***Provide* safer workplaces for PA employees**

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