



Joint Meeting of Northern and Southern Alberta Safety Councils

MINUTES April 5, 2022

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Lyall	AMHSA
Shannon Thomas	AMHSA
Olana Todoruk	AMHSA
Jessica Meyer	AMHSA
Sydney Perozuk	AMHSA
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Guest Presenters

Sanjeev Bhagrath, WCB
Pat Brophy, WCB
Kim Bartch, WCB
Miranda McLay, Partnerships
Charles Boyer, MHCC
Michael Pietrus, MHCC
Belinda Elliott-Bielecki, UNB
Katya Ziad Abassi, UNB

Members

Steve Maki, Clearwater County
Kent Fuson, Brandy-Lee Forbes, Leduc County
Heather St. Hilaire, Jasper
Allison McCrum, Town of Canmore
Caroline McCartney, Town of Banff
Jeff Chorney, Strathcona County
Angela Doris, County of Grande Prairie
Bert Goliath, Flagstaff County
Brian Millis, MD of Pincher Creek
Derek Kearney, City of Airdrie
Glynnis Croken, Lacombe County
Joyce Chen, City of Spruce Grove
Lisa Phillips, Town of Cochrane

Tamara Saufert, Camrose County
Maureen Leclair, Sturgeon County
McKenna Stitzenberger, Town of Edson
David Gregor, Foothills County
Sharon Coles, Starland County
Shirley Huffman, Lac La Biche County
Tim Davies, Cypress County
Rick Ells, Beaver County
Martin Bozek, MD of Taber
Jessica Krause, Mountain View County

1. INTRODUCTIONS, WELCOME AND SAFETY MOMENT

Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association’s Program Evaluation Manager, Shannon Thomas, welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

Shannon Thomas reviewed housekeeping items including recording of meeting but not roundtable, use of microphone and video, chat function, Sydney available for technical support, etc.

2. HEALTH AND SAFETY MOMENT

Maureen LeClair of Sturgeon County presented “Safety Culture – What is it?” (see PPT).

3. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BOARD – ALBERTA UPDATE

Pat Brophy presented an updated from the Workers’ Compensation Board – Alberta (see PPT). Topics included:

- Mobile App has a 2.1 update
- App Links:
- Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/mywcb-ab-for-workers/id1453092935>
- Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.ab.wcb.columbia&hl=en_CA&gl=US
- Policy Updates: Medical Cannabis & Funding Policy
- Link: <https://www.wcb.ab.ca/about-wcb/policy-and-legislation/whats-new-in-policy.html>
- Training on the Job (TOJ) Program, email: TOJ@wcb.ab.ca or call 1-866-498-4649
- Train-and-Place (TaP) Program link: https://www.wcb.ab.ca/assets/pdfs/employers/EFS_Train_and_place_program.pdf
- Alberta Health and Safety Conference May 5-6, 2022 Link: <https://hsconference.ca>

4. THE WORKING MIND FIRST RESPONDER PROJECT

Charles Boyer and Michael Pietrus from the Mental Health commission of Canada presented information on AMHSA’s SPHIFR Grant project.

- Course Details: Leadership Course – 7 hours; Primary Course – 5 hours; 4 Modules

- Future Micro Site Link: www.ruralfirstresponder.ca (currently under construction)
- Chris Howe Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfGR2-RjtsU>
- ESPRI Link: <https://www.telus.com/en/health/organizations/health-authorities-and-hospitals/patient-and-consumer-engagement-solutions/espri>

5. RUSA CONFERENCE 2022

www.rusa.ca

Shannon Thomas provided details on the upcoming RUSA Conference, being held November 29 - December 1 in Red Deer at the Cambridge Hotel. Please see PowerPoint for details. Shannon answered questions re: Virtual vs in-person presentations and attendance, and highlighted the pre-conference AMHSA sessions – Contractor Safety Management (new) and Health and Safety Committees and Representatives (revised). The conference will also include an OHS Legislation Update, Psychological Injuries in the Workplace seminar from WCB, and opening and closing keynotes. An in-person tradeshow will also take place.

6. UNB TUITION GIVEAWAY

Scott Lyall introduced Katya Ziad Abbasi and Belinda Elliott-Bielecki from the University of New Brunswick, who presented information on the tuition giveaway opportunity (see PPT).

- Information Link: <https://www.unb.ca/cel/promotions/tuition-giveaway/amhsa.html>
- The **deadline to submit the entry form is May 31, 2022**, at 11:59 pm Mountain Time.
- Contact: katya.abbasi@unb.ca
- Giveaway Entry Link: <https://unbcel.radiusbycampusgmt.com/ssc/iform/G0kk5sGfzx6G0x670m7.ssc>

7. PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

Miranda McLay – Government of Alberta, Partnerships Consultant

Ms. McLay presented the Partnerships update (attached in the PowerPoint) which included the following topics:

- Requirements for 2022 Audits
- Auditor Status
- Updates to COR & SECOR
- Printing Certificates
- Off-Site Audit Reviews
- OHS Publications
- PSI
- Contact: miranda.mclay@gov.ab.ca

8. AMHSA COR AUDITING

Shannon Thomas, AMHSA Program Evaluation Manager

Ms. Thomas provided an update which is included in the PPT. Topics included:

- Remote Audits
- Audit Registration – New Process 2022
- Deadlines
- SECOR Changes – January 2023
- Audit Tool Changes
- Upcoming Training:
 - HSMS: September 20-21, 2022
 - HSMS: October 11-12, 2022
 - H&S Auditing: September 27-28, 2022
 - H&S Auditing October 18-19, 2022
 - Audit Refresher: May 11, 2022
 - Audit Refresher: September 14, 2022
 - Audit Refresher: October 4, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact [Shannon Thomas](#) or [Jessica Meyer](#).

9. AMHSA – ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Scott Lyall, AMHSA Director of Operations

- Introduction of **Olana Todoruk, Director, Learning and Assurance**
- AMHSA AGM May 13, 2022 @ 10:00am
- Lawn Maintenance Safety Program – new launch
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC): Basic Awareness Training Available FREE
- Disability Management Training NEW – 4 courses available in 2022
 - Can attend or attend and complete an assignment
 - Email: jessica@amhsa.net for further information
- Upcoming Webinars
 - WCB Lunch & Learn May 3, 2022 - Register @ <https://www.amhsa.net/wcbwebinar>
- AMHSA Forums – visit <https://amhsa.net/forum>
- PHSF Training – <https://psychologicalhealthandsafetycertification.com/>
- Psychological Health Impact Group - <https://amhsa.devcogroup.com/psychological-health-impact-group/>
- Questions: scott@amhsa.net & olana@amhsa.net

10. INFORMATION SHARING ROUNDTABLE

Meeting participants discussed trends, initiatives, statistics, audits, etc., including the following topics:

- Trends around injuries
- Lost time claims
- Incidents
- Law care maintenance
- Personnel changes
- Working Mind, Verbal Judo training
- Respectful workplaces
- Seasonal workers
- Training – supervisors, mental health, investigations, HSC, HSR
- Safety events
- Psychological health and safety
- Not Myself Today program from Mental Health Commission of Canada
- Testing – audiometric, fire extinguisher
- Working alone
- Digital forms and reports
- Team Building Contact: <https://www.barbaramay.com/team-building-seminars-edmonton>
- Recommended KI Ice Cleats: https://www.amazon.ca/K1-Mid-Sole-Ice-Cleats/dp/B0777TLSZ1/ref=asc_df_B0777TLSZ1/?tag=googleshopc0c-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=293032423357&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3603836042443349842&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9001331&hvtargid=pla-568064625726&psc=1
- Heavy equipment operator competency
- Silica sampling
- Return to office work
- Work refusal
- NAOSH week

11. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Shannon Thomas thanked participants for attending and reviewed the dates for the next Alberta Cities Safety Council meeting:

- Tuesday, September 20, 2022 (Location: tbd)

Anyone interested in hosting future in-person meetings or presenting health and safety moments at upcoming meetings is invited to contact Shannon Thomas.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.