

Chemical Hygiene Meeting

April 1, 2022 11 am - 12 pm via Zoom

Present: Adrienne Betty, Cecilia Contreras Martinez, Tracy Reynolds, Chelsea O'Connell, Jennifer Wachholz

Review of February Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Chemical Spill Kits:

The LTA's that were present for this meeting advised the spill kits have not been purchased yet but it is on their to do list. At a previous meeting departments were advised to proceed with purchasing kits for their areas and that this is something they can purchase on their own and replenish as needed.

Chemical Inventory Update:

As LTA's previously mentioned they are struggling to find the time to update their inventory especially in Chemistry due to there only being one LTA. To assist in this, Risk Management offered the assistance of our EHS consultant if needed. Tracy asked to be trained, in person, on how to utilize VelocityEHS to track inventory. Adrienne offered to assist with this whenever Tracy is ready. This will likely take place once the new tablets are received from the Dean.

QUERIES PRESENTED DURING MEETING:

A concern was brought up regarding the custodian who cleans the EBS building. A LTA shared that about two weeks ago clothes were found in the washer and dryer that had a Cottage Hospital insignia on them. The employees in this department aren't aware of anyone else who works in the building to also work at Cottage. They brought up how this is unsafe to do due to the chemicals that are used in the area and washed in the machine. During this incident the LTA found cabinets were left open where the laundry detergent is stored and the lint trap wasn't cleaned. Security was notified as well as the F&O Director. It was mentioned that Biology has a breakroom that the custodian can and should utilize. Adrienne advised she would speak with the Custodial Supervisor again regarding the danger of working in an area with so many chemicals and to remind the staff of the breakroom available to the assigned custodian.