NYS & CSEA SAFETY AND HEALTH
LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14, 2005

MINUTES

Attendees:

Management:	Charles Vejvoda, Co-Chair	GOER
	Kate McKee	OMH
	Debye Lurie	OCFS
	Nick Schkrioba	WCB
	Andy Barna	SUNY
	Charles Hatch	DOCS
	Geraldine Smith	DOT
	Barbara Agneta	OMRDD
CSEA	Paul Blujus	DOH
	Frank Cosentino	LIQUOR AUTH.
	James McHugh	DOT
	Brenda Stringer	DOCS
CSEA Staff:	Janet Foley, Co-Chair	
	Matthew C. Kozak	
	Mark Stipano	
	Monique St. Hilaire	
Partnership Staff:	Deb Berg, Co-Director	
	Linda Stortz	
	Stephanie Rockmacher	
	Mark Stackrow	

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions

Stephanie introduced Kate McKee of OMH who will be replacing Vic Vignola, and Andy Barna of SUNY who is representing Valerie Ayers. Viola Stanton representing Region 3 resigned and we are waiting for a new appointment from CSEA.

Deb Berg commented that the Partnership is very pleased to be involved in safety and health, and briefcases were given to the members of the committee in appreciation.

Review/Accept Minutes

Stephanie asked the committee members for changes to the minutes of the December 9, 2004 meeting. Changes were made in item #5 and item #6, which were highlighted action items for committee members and the minutes were accepted with these changes. Minutes will be posted on the Partnership's web page.

Ergonomics Program Update

The publishing process is continuing. There have been problems with the printing process and reproduction of the CDs. Projected completion date is during May.

2. **Accessing the Online Safety and Health Courses**

The Partnership is now offering online courses as of April 1, 2005 to which committee members have access. The program consists of three libraries of training (SkillSoft, GoTrain Safety & Health, and the Partnership Labor-Management). These courses are available to all CSEA-represented NYS employees through license allocations to each agency. An overview presentation was given by Partnership staff on how to navigate the web site, how to complete and process the application, and other useful links.

Committee members are asked to provide feedback on these courses and to let the Partnership know if any should be eliminated. Committee members are also asked to take this information back to their agencies and to promote the availability of the courses.

3. **Extreme Temperature Training**

Mark Stipano prepared and presented an overview of general hazards that can be posed by thermal stress in the workplace. The following topics were covered in the presentation: thermal regulations/hazards; human body thermodynamics; high temperature related illnesses and work area protections; monitoring high temperature work areas; low temperature related illnesses and work areas; monitoring low temperature work areas; and current contract language/safety manual. Discussion followed the presentation.

4. **Sub-Committee Meetings**

The sub-committees met to discuss, define and finalize products, content and parts of their respective projects so that a consultant can be hired. The purpose for using consultants is based on increasing workloads and to incorporate up to date subject matter expertise.

5. **Housekeeping**

Next meeting date is June 9, 2005 at the office of the NYS & CSEA Partnership for Education and Training.

HAZWOPER training at next meeting to be given by Mark Stipano

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