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Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 10:33 AM
To: Hodson, Laura (CDC/NIOSH/EID) (CTR)
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Subject: NIOSH Docket -114
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Laura:

I had [redacted] one of our occupational health and safety educators responsible for training homecare workers, review this document.

He thought the document:

- 1) Had a lot of useful information.
- 2) Heavy on citations taking up around a 1/4 of the document. (This was one of the reasons I didn't get around to reading it- it looked way too imposing.)
- 3) There is a need for more explanation around recommendations for employers and workers under prevention and control
- 4) The use of the case report was helpful (need more) and adding a couple of questions would help stimulate thinking around the main theme of the case report.
- 5) It would be good to add a section in each topic highlighting best industry practices.
- 6) There is a need to boil this information down into a training curriculum to make it more user friendly for workers and employers.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Finally, we don't have any financial conflicts; we represent homecare workers. If there is a form we need to complete, send it along and we will complete it.

From: Hodson, Laura (CDC/NIOSH/EID) (CTR) [mailto:gey7@cdc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 9:57 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Opportunity to assist NIOSH with Home Health Care Workers document

Thank you for volunteering to review the NIOSH Hazard Review: Occupational Hazards in Home Health Care. This is a friendly reminder that the reviews were requested by October 31 and we still have not heard from you. It would be greatly appreciated if you could review the document for content and let us know if we are on target. I am especially eager to learn if there are any errors of omission, such as are there any overlooked hazards or solutions that we failed to identify? Are the solutions to the

identified hazards accurate?

Please try to get your comments back to NIOSH within the next two weeks so that we can move forward with getting this document published. You can send an email with NIOSH Docket -114 in the subject line to DMMiller@cdc.gov, or if it is easier for you, just mail any comments you may have written in the draft document to the NIOSH Docket Office, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-32, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. We will need the conflict of interest form mailed back or scanned in and sent as an attachment.

Of course if your review is in the mail, you can ignore this reminder.

Respectfully,
Laura Hodson, MSPH, CIH
Document Manager

From:
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 9:34 AM
To: Hodson, Laura (CDC/NIOSH/EID) (CTR)
Subject: RE: Opportunity to assist NIOSH with Home Health Care Workers document

Sounds good Laura. I look forward to reviewing it. We can probably get by with just a Spanish translation for starters.

From: Hodson, Laura (CDC/NIOSH/EID) (CTR) [<mailto:gey7@cdc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 7:53 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Opportunity to assist NIOSH with Home Health Care Workers document

Thank you very much. Since I have already have contacted close to 20 reviewers you don't need to pass around the document too far but if you know one or two folks, their input will be welcome. You will notice that this is a home health care document (with a heavy slant towards infection control, sharps, etc.), but we are already discussing a similar document for homecare so I may take you up on your offer of assisting with homecare workers. We have discussed translating this doc into Spanish and I'm fairly certain that will occur. Perhaps the Russian and Chinese is more indicative of homecare instead of home health, what do you think?

The document will be mailed out mid to late Sept and I hope to receive comments back by Oct 31.
Laura

From:
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2007 4:33 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Opportunity to assist NIOSH with Home Health Care Workers document

Laura: We represent 300K homecare workers. We conduct H&S workshops for 15,000-20,000 homecare workers each year in English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. The training is conducted by home care worker worker-trainers using a small group activity method curriculum covering the hazards faced by these workers. It's in the four languages listed above. A number of our large homecare locals conduct similar H&S educational programs. If you would like to have any of these folks review it, let me know. We could also work with you to set up focus group meetings with homecare workers to get their input. Finally, I hope NIOSH is considering the need to translate this item.

From: Hodson, Laura (CDC/NIOSH/EID) (CTR) [mailto:gey7@cdc.gov]

Sent: Thu 9/6/2007 3:28 PM

To:

Subject: Opportunity to assist NIOSH with Home Health Care Workers document

Greetings, The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Department of Health and Human Service, is in the process of preparing a safety and occupational health guidance document for employers and workers in home healthcare. I am writing today to ask for your assistance. As part of our intensive document preparation process we like to have our documents reviewed by external reviewers who are considered knowledgeable and experts in their profession. I am hopeful that you will be willing to provide a review of a 90 page document titled "Occupational Hazards in Home Healthcare". The reward to you is that you will have the opportunity to participate in a program designed to make the home health care environment a better place to work. You will also be acknowledged as a reviewer in the published document.

The document will be mailed out in the very near future as this document has already gone through our intensive internal review and has received approval for the external review. We usually request a 6 week turn around. A letter explaining the charge to the reviews will accompany the document. We don't expect editorial review but content review. Are you available and willing to provide a technical review of this document? If so, please respond to this email within the next week and I will prepare a paper copy package for your review.

We need your insight to make this the best document it can be. You may notice that this email has gone out to mostly academics and union representatives. I have already gotten commitments from home health care workers "in the field" with the assistance of the editor of Home Healthcare Nurse.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Hodson, MSPH, CIH

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