**Yale New Haven Hospital**

**Department of Laboratory Medicine**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**May 10, 2012**

**PS 230**

**2-3 pm**

**Present**: Lynn Autry, Mark Chiaramonte, Heather Hedberg, Flo Jasudowicz, Bhushan Shah, Pat Gelineau

**1. Proforma**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted**

**Safety Rounds**: **Mock surveys for environment of care will continue every two weeks.**

**YNHH Safety Committee Report: Pending**

**REMEMBER:**

**🗸 Wash your hands.**

**🗸 Cover your coughs and sneezes.**

**🗸 Stay home if you are ill, if you have a fever.**

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1. **Old Business**
2. Mark and Voula to develop verbiage for stairwell signs. Facilities has been notified.
3. OSHA has revised the Hazard Communication Standard to include Globally Harmonized System (GHS) suggestions developed by the United Nations. The highlights are: Hazard Classification-provides specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards as well as classification of mixtures; Labels-chemical manufacturers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, hazard statement for each hazard class and category, and precautionary statements must be provided; safety Data Sheets- will have a specified 16-section format; Information and training- employers are required to train workers by December 31, 2013 on the new labels elements and safety data sheet format to facilitate recognition and understanding.

The diamond should continue to be used.

1. **New Business**
2. Still requesting a window on the 4th floor door leading out to the lobby.
3. ERIC is getting stuck in the elevator. A mechanism needs to be in place to keep an eye on the robot and make sure nobody tampers with the robot while in the elevator. Also, sometimes ERIC doesn’t open doors and gets stuck against emergency exits. Repairs were performed. No issues at this time.
4. Smilow offsite locations (former MOH sites) are requesting splash shields for sinks and lab coats for staff. Latest Mock survey did not indicate further deficiencies.
5. The TopSafety newsletter is on the L:drive.
6. The EVS department is promoting appropriate waste disposal. Christina Devito is responsible for YNHH Sustainable Operations.
7. **Members’ Concerns-**

* Still requesting a window on the 4th floor door leading out to the lobby.
* Inside of windows at 55 Park need cleaning- Pat will contact SRC
* Pat will contact Gerri Terrill regarding problems with lab coats.

1. **Next Meeting:** June 14, 2012 in PS230 at 2 PM.