

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Roll call & Committee Introductions: Jim Cover (NDOL), Mark Lohnes (NDEE), Kevin Petska (NDOT), Sheri Henderson (NGPC), Ty Hernes (SFM), Sam Capps (NEDNR), Kristi Augustine (SCATA)
 - Other: Jason Jackson (DAS), Adam Kauffman (Risk Manager), Trev Clements (RM Staff)
- Jason Jackson introduces himself to Statewide Safety Committee and expresses ambitions with the team.
 - Director Jackson praises SSC for their altruistic intentions. He expresses interest regarding interagency coordination. Error or safety issues should not be in isolation, he believes that budget is reasonable, and mentions social media. Considers HR involvement for SSC.
 - Jason Jackson leaves for the legislature at 10:30 AM on the dot. Jason expresses a desire to return to future meetings. Jackson offers open communication after meeting.

II. Old Business

- SSC expresses common desire for “people to know we exist.”
- SSC talks about how circumstantial workers comp can be. Nebraska pays out lower than other states, according to Jim. Workers comp specifics are talked about amongst the SSC.
- Sheri supplied some edits for the charter that she submitted for Sam. Sam needs to check up on that.

III. New Business

- Jim expresses issues with the reality that if someone goes on a trip for work and get stranded in a wreck with their non-working vehicle, then the tow truck comes out to get the vehicle but not the employee.
- Self-Audit section of the charter is recommended by Adam to be completely removed.
- Charter should reflect how we have no recourse for safety issues. The charter should reflect four of our main objectives.
- Kevin wants to prioritize helping agencies that don’t already have a safety team behind them.
- Wants the ability for agencies to submit issues that aren’t being addressed within their own agencies.
- Sam will reach out to Matt Harrison, Kimberly Church, and someone else on the SSC committee list that need removed or reminded to show up to meetings.

IV. Review of Action Register Items & Committee Functions

- SSC was originally intended to be a conduit to get issues to DAS Risk Management. Sam recommends communicating with unions. There’s no in house HR rep at all of these agencies. SSC members cannot do anything within their own agency when risks arise. Workplace violence, TSB vehicles out of shape, winter driving, etc. is mentioned. Widespread emails explaining to all state employees how we are there for them (“if you have an email with safety, then email us”)
- Ty wants the charter to Clarify 443-449. Adam states that 447 and 448 statutes were revoked.
- LB 57 is questioned by Kristin. “We’re limited to being a place that communicates concerns across agencies. What is a concern for DOL and what’s in game and parks is different than what I do. I don’t think I should have to be responsible for other agencies issues and risks.
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- Union contract relevance to charter is discussed. Unions must coordinate with the workers claims for each agency.
- Jim wants to address the charter’s Self-Audit issues. Adam states that it’s not really “undo-able”.
- SSC wants to remove monitoring and evaluation, and accident investigations.
- Sam nominates Ty to redo the charter.

V. Education/Training

- Title 239 is discussed. Workplace safety consultation program.
- Gallaher Bassett would have all sorts of resources and spreadsheets. At GB meetings “we’re noticing an increase of claims with claims for certain agencies.” Adam will share GB meeting information with SSC committee.
- What do we do with tracking these unreported accidents and trends? Kristin explains that you would review the accident data; identify trends, analyze reports, get the information from GB, get first reports from HR, “give me a report, not the raw data.” Complications with confidentiality issues. Ty wants to review past accidents and trends

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Ogallala Aquifer Room (2nd floor)

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to guide the committee to outreach and get information for what we should do. If everyone across the state is seeing increases, then we might not know about it if it isn't reported or shared amongst SSC.

VI. Schedule next Meeting

- Next meeting is on Tuesday, March 26th.

VII. Adjourn

- Sheri moves to adjourn; Ty seconds this motion.

Action Register Matrix

Date	Target/Goal	Action Steps/Recommendations	Responsible Parties	Target Date	Status
01/30/2024	Revise Charter	Review Revisions discussed on 01/30/2024	SSC	03/25/2024	In Progress