

The Monitor

Colorado Occupational Health & Safety Surveillance (COHSS)
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

CDPHE Hires a Program Manager

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is pleased to announce Meredith Towle as the Occupational Health and Safety Program Manager at CDPHE. Meredith came to CDPHE from Denver Health where she was a Research Projects Coordinator. She has worked in a similar capacity at National Jewish where she coordinated research projects related to miners and other workers with a variety of lung diseases. In particular, she conducted medical surveillance for bronchialitis obliterans among flavor workers. She is currently completing her MPH at the UC Denver Anschutz campus. Meredith can be reached at (303) 691-4938 or at Meredith.Towle@state.co.us.

CDPHE is also pleased to announce that through December 2011, Deb Goekin, an MPH student will be completing her practicum with the Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance Program. Deb was formerly the managing editor with the Rocky Mountain News. She will be assisting with the strategic plan and the development of the occupational health indicators. Deb can be reached at (303)691-4938 or at Deb.Goekin@state.co.us

Strategic Planning Efforts

Colorado has developed a draft of the Strategic Plan for the Occupational Safety and Health Network in Colorado. Over the next month, efforts will be made to finalize the plan, name and brand the Network, and develop a webpage specific for the Network. For more information please contact Meredith Towle.

Colorado Presents

Meredith Towle and Karen Mulloy DO, MSCH gave a presentation about *Occupational Health Surveillance in Colorado* at the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), Rocky Mountain Section Fall Technical Conference on September 30th 2010. Ken Scott of the MAPERC gave a presentation about *Designing the Age Friendly Workplace* at AIHA Fall technical conference as well.

Yvonne Boudreau MD, MPH and Corey Campbell, MS will be leading a roundtable discussion at the American Public Health Association about *Building Occupational Health Capacity in the Western States* on Wednesday, November 10, 2010: 10:30 AM.

Karen B. Mulloy, DO, MSCH, Kaylan Stinson, MSPH, Yvonne Boudreau, MD, MSPH, Lee Newman, MD, MA and James Helmkamp, PhD, MS will be leading a roundtable discussion at the American Public Health Association about *Occupational Health Surveillance in Wyoming, 2001-2005* on Wednesday, November 10, 2010: 10:30 AM.

Pesticide Surveillance and Funding

CDPHE will be applying for the EPA's Pesticide Incident Surveillance Program Grant to support Colorado's pesticide surveillance activities. The application is due November 4th and would provide \$75,000 per year over a 5-year period to support pesticide surveillance activities. For more information please contact Meredith Towle.

Planning and Partnerships

Meredith Towle will be taking over Corey Campbell's role on the Public Health Indicators Task Force for the CDPHE Office of Planning and Partnerships and will incorporate occupational health into public health indicator development in Colorado.

Recruiting

CDPHE is currently writing the job description for a CSTE fellow. The fellow will assist with the efforts to complete the occupational health indicators, implement the strategic plan, and expand the network of occupational health partners in Colorado.

Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center

For more information on activities, events, training opportunities, and funding opportunities through the Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, please visit their website at: <http://maperc.ucdenver.edu>

If you have occupational health and safety news, please let Meredith Towle know at 303-691-4938 or meredith.towle@state.co.us