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HOSPITAL BUILDING SAFETY BOARD
Education and Outreach Committee

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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present
John Donelan, Chair
Burt Hurlbut
Scott Karpinen

Joe La Brie, Consulting Member

OSHPD Staff
Paul Coleman, FDD Deputy Director
Gary Dunger
Diana Scaturro

HBSB Staff
Linda Janssen, Executive Director
Evett Torres
Kathy Zamora, OSHPD

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Janssen announced that a quorum was present.

Mr. Donelan called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Review the September 10, 2014 Meeting Report / Minutes

- Approved at Full Board meeting, November 19, 2014
- Discussion and Public Input

There were no corrections to the meeting report.

3. "Hot Topics" Seminar Update

- Discuss outcome of seminars held October 9 and October 30, 2014
    - Attendance
    - Venue
    - Content
    - Public Response

Mr. Donelan directed the group to the survey results from the two seminars.

Ms. Torres noted that for both seminars, Sessions 3 and 4 had been swapped, so the data on those sessions may not be reliable.

Ms. Torres stated that on the whole the survey comments received were very positive. The committee discussed the survey comments. Mr. La Brie remarked that the surveys were more about finding ways to improve seminar delivery than receiving pats on the back.

Ms. Janssen noted that the committee was aware of the need for longer Q & A time, but the tight seminar schedule did not permit it. She also noted that it would be very expensive for OSHPD to provide American Institute of Architects (AIA) credits.

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- Discussion and Public Input

Mr. Coleman and Mr. La Brie had discussed a back-to-the-basics type of seminar for 2015. It would delve into the roles and responsibilities of each of the participants in a project. Mr. La Brie commented that projects differ from one to the next in this area; a presentation of case studies would be helpful.

Mr. Coleman commented that we need to be clear to attendees on the intent of the seminars. Some attendees want more detail than seminars can provide. Mr. La Brie commented that some people may attend so that they can air grievances.

Ms. Janssen had noticed that some attendees felt a disconnect between what field staff said was Materially Alter, and what OSHPD staff said at the seminar. Mr. Coleman noted that OSHPD now provides a Share Point site containing posts of all seminars and presentations; all staff can reference them. OSHPD has also conducted numerous training sessions on Materially Alter for staff.

The committee discussed the trickiness of Materially Alter. Mr. Coleman remarked on the inconsistency of both OSHPD staff and field staff – design professionals, IORs, contractors, etc. – in handling Materially Alter.

Mr. La Brie stated that when a design professional says a change is not Materially Alter, and the DSE disagrees, he should call the design professional.

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An Interested Party shared the perspective of the IOR: he receives pressure from the owner and project management team not to slow the project down. In reality, he is trying to foresee a problem and get it resolved ahead of time.

Mr. Donelan said that it sounds like some education on the roles of the team members is needed. Mr. Coleman agreed and suggested a seminar topic of building relationships for a successful project. If everyone does their part successfully, the project all fits together like a puzzle.

Mr. Coleman commented on the high cost of doing Amended Construction Documents (ACDs). Mr. La Brie added that everyone, starting with the owner, would rather not have an ACD.

Mr. Karpinen shared an example of a project where the electrical contractor had installed the seismic bracing using strut not from B-Line but from a different manufacturer. The project had been held up for two weeks, waiting for the DSE to come out.

Mr. Coleman stated that an aggressive code cycle is going now – proposed codes need to be in to the Building Standards Commission by May 15. He did not foresee any seminars happening until perhaps September, as they take some time to put together.

4. Discuss and Make Recommendations for Future Seminar and/or Educational Opportunity Concepts

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- Potential concepts:
    - 2013 California Building Standards Code update

Mr. Coleman stated that some items in the 2016 code will require some training such as inspections, special inspections, and testing. OSHPD is also proposing amendments such as CPVC and ABS piping for all OSHPD categories. Mr. Coleman suggested holding training before the code becomes effective in 2017.

    - IOR Academy

Mr. Coleman felt that that the Education and Outreach Committee should be involved in training for IORs. He has tasked the Inspection Services Unit with devising a training program using YouTube videos, webinars, and other kinds of available media – keeping in mind that it is difficult for IORs to go to seminars at specific locations during the week.

Mr. Coleman requested the committee to send along any suggestions for specific items to be addressed in the IOR training. Mr. Donelan commented that IOR training needs to be parallel with OSHPD staff training. A challenge is that the IOR's skill set has to extend over all the disciplines.

Mr. Coleman suggested that the training that IORs complete can be tracked in their files; then when a design professional or owner is looking for an IOR to work with, he can check the files to see the IORs' backgrounds.

Currently IORs must take at least one seminar, put on or sponsored by OSHPD, per year. Mr. Coleman is looking to separate the recertification seminar from the

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recertification test – to provide a series of seminars throughout the year on various topics. In the future, test development may be contracted out to the International Code Council (ICC) or another organization to ensure that the test is third-party.

Mr. Coleman stated that he would like this committee to provide guidance to the Inspection Services Unit (ISU) on the areas needed for training.

- NPC Compliance workshop

Mr. Coleman stated that there are two major deadlines for NPC3: 2020 for hospitals that have an NPC3 extension with a Seismic Design Category F, and 2030 for hospitals with a Seismic Design Category D (they must be NPC5-compliant). Within these two major deadlines there are other steps to take and deadlines to meet regarding surveys, permits, etc. This information could be part of a seminar.

- Seismic Certification seminar

The group agreed that this seminar was no longer necessary – one had been held fairly recently. OSHPD is not making many changes to the 2016 standards for seismic certification.

- New CANs & PINs

Mr. Coleman stated that OSHPD has issued a revised CAN 11B on accessibility. Some PINs are coming up, such as PIN 62 regarding payment of fees. Mr. Coleman added that we could probably revisit buildings removed from acute care services – a number of

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hospitals have done this according to their SB 499 reports, but they never submitted their projects to OSHPD. A seminar would be in order.

- FDD Reminder Lists

The group did not feel that the FDD Reminder Lists warranted a seminar.

- Additional Hot Topics seminars

The group agreed that for 2015, they would go with the Roles and Responsibilities/ Building Relationships for a Successful Project seminar rather than Hot Topics. Mr. Coleman also envisioned a seminar on Removal from Acute Care Services, possibly half a day long.

- Discussion and Public Input

An Interested Party mentioned that in the field a frequent topic that comes up is the triggers for OSHPD involvement. People are not aware of the FREER manual or do not use it. Mr. Coleman noted that OSHPD had done a seminar on the 1878s and FREERs for the skilled nursing industry but not the hospital industry.

Mr. Coleman explained for Ms. Scaturro and Mr. Hurlbut that the freestanding acute psychiatric hospital will be an OSHPD 5 instead of an OSHPD 1. If it comes about, it will be part of the 2016 Building Code.

Mr. Coleman said that the next steps would involve developing an agenda for the Roles and Responsibilities / Building Relationships for a Successful Project seminar and assigning people to be responsible for each portion. He envisioned a Board member

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working with a staff member in each portion. He requested for Mr. La Brie to develop a draft agenda for the Building Relationships for a Successful Project seminar for the next committee meeting. Mr. Karpinen commented that having lots of examples would be beneficial for that type of seminar.

For the IOR topics, Mr. Coleman requested input from the committee as to specific topics they think the industry would be interested in. Mr. La Brie requested Mike Hooper to ask among his colleagues about what topics would be valuable. Mr. Karpinen noted that some of those topics might be appropriate for the Roles and Responsibilities seminar.

5. Comments from the Public/Board Members on Issues not on this Agenda

Mr. Coleman stated that OSHPD is moving toward more electronic Plan Review, with Ms. Scaturro's unit doing a pilot. If the pilot is successful, and OSHPD is able to purchase the corresponding licenses, some training for the industry will be in order regarding submittals, protocols, comments, and so on.

Ms. Scaturro commented that with the landscape changing from large projects to smaller projects, her team is seeing some recurring problems with the drawings being submitted. Possibly some of the material in the Tips from the Experts workshop could be woven back in periodically. Mr. Coleman responded that this material could be included in Roles and Responsibilities for the design professional.

6. Adjournment

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Mr. Donelan adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

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