2021 VIRTUAL FORUM FOR MIGRANT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

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THREE PROMOTORES DE SALUD INJURED BY OFF-TARGET PESTICIDE DRIFT AND PROTOCOLS POST EXPOSURE AND FUTURE ADVOCACY

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Describe positive outcome or actions involving this team of promotoras and their work process during the exposure (what did they do right).

• List actions Migrant and Community health centers and staff may consider doing to reduce the incidents of pesticide drift exposure onto people living and working in agricultural communities (including their staff).

• What is the role of State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Health, State Department of Labor and Industries in Washington State in regulating pesticides and preventing illness?
OUR STORY - OUR NOVELA
LOCATION WHERE THE DRIFT OCCURRED PRIOR TO A COVID-19 PREVENTION CLASS WITH H-2A WORKERS JUST OUTSIDE OF QUINCY WA MAY 12, 2020
LUPE, PRIS AND MJ’S ACTUAL REPORTED DOCUMENT TO THE DEPT. OF AG. (IN THEIR OWN VOICE)
UPON ARRIVING TO THE CAMP

1. An air blast spray applicator pulled by a tractor is the background noise you hear.

2. We have already been sprayed on once by the first tractor and MJ asks me to record situation on my cell.

3. We were sprayed on a second time during the recording of this video by a second tractor which is not visible.
CONVERSATION BETWEEN PROMOTORAS

• Lupe: Oh Yeah I did feel that?
• MJ: Yeah!
• Pris: I Don’t know if that…
• Lupe: Did you feel that?

Tractor & spayer stop and are turned off after they see us and MJ walks out to the entrance of the road. See the sign?

Joanne Prado
GROUP QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PROMOTORAS/CLINICS, LOCAL, STATE HEALTH AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES IN PREVENTION?

2. WHAT MORE SHOULD HAPPEN... LAWS/POLICY....

3. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS? WHAT IS OUR COLLECTIVE VISION?

4. IF WE HAVE TIME, REVIEW MLCHC PROCEDURE.
PROCEDURE

Provide high-quality, comprehensive, and compassionate primary health services for the entire family, with a special focus on the underserved and marginalized communities in our community.

Title: Outreach Field Safety Protocol Procedure

Effective Date: June 15, 2020
Last Approval: June 15, 2020

Department: Outreach

Purpose:

It is the intent of the Moses Lake/Quiet Community Health Center (ML/QCHC) Outreach Program to ensure the personal safety of the outreach staff who may be required to do site visits with agricultural workers in the field setting, including farmworker housing sites.

PROCEDURES

A. Outreach Staff will always use reliable transportation that is well-maintained. It is preferred that staff utilize the company vehicle. If this is not possible, rent a car, follow the company vehicle use policy #5100 for documenting mileage, etc.

B. Outreach Staff will dress in an manner that is professional and suitable for agricultural settings/situations, preferably light weight, light-colored long-sleeved shirts, and appropriate pants (jeans and long shorts are approved with closed toe shoes. A second set of clothes should be packed and available in the vehicle in cases where a change is needed. A name tag is required.

C. Outreach Staff will:
   a. contact power (crew chief) grower’s Human Resource (HR) to confirm appointment, which will be set up for daylight hours, preferably early afternoon
   b. set appointment information, including time, address, grower phone number in Outlook schedule;
   c. consider conducting a pre-visit (recommended) to assess where education will occur; safety issues to address and tools or items needed for that outreach event
   d. prepare group educational record form, assess and package marketing items (give-aways) that match the event;
   e. carry a cell phone, a supply of water and personal hygiene supplies (hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol), sanitizing wipes, gloves, soap, and paper towels);
   f. before getting out of the car: thoroughly check surroundings including activity involving tractors and spray equipment. If activity is present (or seen, hearing, etc.), move the team from the location and reach out to the person in charge;
   g. call QCHC if in danger or if medical emergency presents itself.
   h. document visit upon return to the office in the grower file, including topics discussed, number of workers assisted, etc.

D. Outreach Staff will not:
   a. enter or stay on site if personal safety is at question; or
   b. enter the shared living areas if the situation seems questionable

E. Outreach Staff will report any unusual event to the Director of Operations and submit a portal event for tracking purposes.

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This document is updated as of September 2021.

PRO Procedure updated draft 1 of 1

This document reflects updates as of September 2021.

PRO Outreach field safety protocol updated draft 2 of 1
GROUP SHARE
SHARED GROUP VISION

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
Thank You

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