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HFMADV is an affiliated
chapter of the American Society
for Healthcare Engineering we
were organized in 1949.

Meetings are normally held at
6:00 PM the first Tuesday of the
month (**except June, July and
August**) at The Radisson Hotel
2400 Old Lincoln Highway,
Trevose, PA 19053
Ph: (215) 638-8300

THE CALL TO ORDER

Because of the snow forecasted
on the 1st, the 2011 February
monthly meeting was held on
Tuesday the 8th at the:

The Radisson Hotel
2400 Old Lincoln Highway,
Trevose, Pennsylvania 19053,
Phone: (215) 638-8300
Fax: (215) 638-4377.

The meeting registration started
at 5:30 with the social
networking period. The meeting
started at 6:00 pm.

President Chuck Kluge called the
meeting to order; officers and
attendees recited the pledge of
allegiance and made self-
introductions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues Notice Reminder!

Dues notices went out over 2
months ago. Please take the time
to send in your information. Any
questions please let me know.
<mailto:joseph.Rawson@fcc.edu>

EDUCATIONAL SECTION:

Education by Jeff Henne
CHSP, CHEP.

CEU Credits (1 Hour) were
given for the education. Please
contact: Jeff Henne by email.
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PRESENTATIONS

I want to thank Jeff Henne of the
Fox Chase Cancer Center and a
Recent Past President of the
HFMADV for his presentation to
our chapter.

The topic was: *Topic: Regulatory
Compliance, Safety
Management, and Code Updates*

Jeff went through a myriad of
rules, policies, codes, standards,
and issues regulated and/or
inspected by:

- Joint Commission
- CMS
- DOH
- DEP
- EPA
- FDA
- OSHA
- DOT
- Local AHJ

Jeff's well-prepared presentation wowed the group using his well-known passion for safety, knowledge of codes, many years of experience and a pinch of his quick wit. If you were not there you missed a good educational session.

ASHE

Some of the Biggest Proposed Changes to the 2012 Edition of the Life Safety Code Focus on Health Care Occupancies

NFPA Journal®, January/February 2011

A number of the major changes proposed for the 2012 edition of NFPA 101®: *Life Safety Code*® have broad implications for the health care industry, from hospitals to nursing homes. This article summarizes some of these changes and also cites ASHE as saying that "the 2012 edition of NFPA 101 would have a significant benefit for the safety of patients and occupants of health care facilities, as well as the industry overall." To date, the NFPA Technical Committee on Health Care Occupancies has supported these proposed changes.

OSHA Will Continue Requiring Independent Safety Testing for Electrical Devices

OSHA Quick Takes

OSHA announced it will not abandon its system for ensuring that electrical products used in the workplace are safe. The European Union (EU) had requested that OSHA explore the possibility of adopting its system, known as Supplier's Declaration of Conformity. Under the EU system, manufacturers declare that their

products meet safety requirements before placing the products on the market, thus requiring EU governments to operate a post-market surveillance system to verify whether products are safety compliant after they already are on the market.

Currently, OSHA requires employers to use electrical devices tested and certified by independent testing companies known as Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories. These companies conduct tests to determine whether products are safe before manufacturers or distributors place them on the market and employers use them in the workplace.

48th Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition

July 17-20, 2011

Seattle, WA

<http://www.ashe.org/>

CODES

Chair: Dan Campbell CHFM, SASHE

CMS Occupancy Classification

Gentlemen,

Until this debate over occupancies is finished we could guess what the occupancy is or is not. ASHE has advised its members that they do not agree with CMS.

I suggest we take a wait and see attitude and what is now business occupancy remains business occupancy until the final ruling is decided. If the ruling stands the way it was originally presented

then the scenario you described would indicate it would have to meet Ambulatory healthcare requirements.

See below some statements excerpted from the Safety Management Newsletter below.

A patient's cognitive and physical ability for self-preservation under emergency conditions must not be over-estimated. A patient may be incapable of self-preservation due to many factors, including, but not limited to, age, physical or mental disability, medical or therapeutic interventions, medication reactions, etc. In addition, when determining the ability for self-preservation, consideration must be given to not only the characteristics of all current patients, but also all potential future patients.

Virtually all clinics would fall under Ambulatory Healthcare for one or more of many reasons, including:

It would not be possible to assure there would never be a patient seen who was incapable of self-preservation.

There is no way to get around the possibility of an adverse reaction to a medication either in the near or distance future.

Chemotherapy, Dialysis and certain other categories of patients are already being looked at by some regulators as being incapable or potentially incapable of self-preservation.

These occupancies may serve elderly patients:

Anesthesia may be provided, such as in a dental clinic (CMS, in this memorandum does not differentiate between general anesthesia, conscious sedation, and/or local anesthetics).

ADVOCACY

Chair: Robert Roop, P.E.
Co: Joe Rawson SASHE

CMS Occupancy Classification

ASHE opposes this CMS policy—that a hospital or CAH component facility that has fewer than four patients incapable of self-preservation must be classified as a health care occupancy. ASHE believes the change in policy from the LSC requirements to this new CMS interpretation warrants stakeholder consideration through a public comment process.

GOOD & WELFARE

Chair: Rosalie Kerrigan
Co: Leon Dender

We regret to report the passing of Jeff Dorfman a long time HFMAADV member, colleague, and friend. He was the Director at Montgomery Hospital; he will be missed. Our Prayers go out to his family.

Ron Richardson is feeling much better. Our Best Wishes go to Ron and his Family.

Newsletter

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Co: Jim Shoemaker, SASHE

Please feel free to send to me anything that may be of interest to our members.

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Nothing to Report

Website

Chair: Jeff Henne CHSP, CHEP
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Ad Book

Chair: Joe Rawson SASHE
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Please send in your ad book information including your ads into Joe Rawson,
Joseph.Rawson@fcc.edu

EDUCATION SEMINAR

Chair: Jeff Henne
Co: Joe Rawson
Co: Leon Dender

HFMAADV Spring Educational Conference & Trade Show.
NFPA 99 & Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager CHFM Preparation Seminar, with more in the planning.

Mark Your Calendars:
Tuesday, April 5th, 2011
Wednesday, April 6th, 2011

To be held at the:

The Radisson Hotel
2400 Old Lincoln Highway,
Trevose, Pennsylvania 19053,
Phone: (215) 638-8300
Fax: (215) 638-4377.

Vendor Conference Exhibitors and Sponsors information coming soon!

Watch for updates!

Associate & Social

Chair: Clyde Engle
Nothing to report!

GOLF OUTING

Chair: Jeff Henne CHSP, CHEP
Co: Leon Dender
Co: Roy Mitchell

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report!

ADJOURNMENT

Chuck Kluge adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Kluge Secretary
Any corrections, omissions or deletions, please contact me at (215) 481-2763.

March 1 Regular Meeting,
5:30pm, Radisson Hotel, NE Philadelphia Pa

April 5 & 6 Spring Educational Conference, CHFM Meeting & Trade Exhibition, at the Radisson, NE Philadelphia Pa

May 3 Regular Meeting,
5:30pm, Radisson Hotel, NE Philadelphia Pa

May 25 Annual Golf Outing at Ramblewood - "See you on the course."

Check our website for up-to-date information.

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