



**ICC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE
MEETING #4
October 5 - 6, 2011**

**DRAFT MINUTES
Hyatt Rosemont
6350 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018**

**October 5: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
October 6: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

1.0 Welcome and introductions

1.1 Chair Williams - Call to order; introductions

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 am on October 5th, noting:

- We have a full agenda, starting with flushing out the Round 1 issues then the KTAGS
- The KTAG review has confirmed that a considerable number of the issues in the KTAGS are covered in the current I-Codes
- Going forward need to focus on the completion of code changes in support of the 1/3/2012 code change deadline

Self introductions were made. See Appendix A.

2.0 Approve agenda (posted)

Add item 3.5 Coordination with other ICC Committees

3.0 Administration

3.1 Approval of August 10 -11, 2011 minutes (posted)

Approved

3.2 Resource documents posted since AHC #3: KTAG list with WG assignments

No action

3.3 Status of ASHE research on topics noted at AHC #2

Chad briefed the AHC on the following:

- Fire modeling around corridor decorations
 - Submitted to Fire/Fire Safety WG
- Smoke migration through ceiling tiles
 - Submitted to Fire/Fire Safety WG
- Smoke migration through ductwork
 - Submitted to General WG
- Hazardous materials required for daily use in patient rooms
 - No enforcement citations to hospitals noting excessive amounts of hazardous materials have been cited. The conclusion is that this does not seem to be an issue.
- Travel distance; size of patient rooms; suites; and smoke compartments
 - Work-in-progress. Space plans have been submitted to the Egress WG
- CMS survey reports for topic coverage in the IBC/IFC
 - A discussion/identification of topic coverage for ambulatory surgical centers is lacking
- Identification of significant healthcare improvements
 - To be compiled as the code changes are reviewed and documented with reason statements

3.4 ICC Code Development Hearing process

Staff outlined the process:

- IBC code changes submitted – due January 3rd
- Code changes received and compiled into a posted document – around March 12th
- Documents to be sent to the code committee in advance of the hearing can only be mailed – no email
- Code Development Hearing (CDH) in Dallas: April 29 – May 6. When a code change is heard is a function of the applicable IBC committee – there are 4 committees covering the IBC
- Testimony. 2 minutes for each testifier for and against the proposal followed by 1 minute rebuttal for each side. The proponent of the change can defer its initial statement in order to have 3 minutes of rebuttal. The focus should be to provide testimony in addition to the printed reason statement. This is the opportunity to provide additional information.
- Committee considers the testimony, for and against, and takes an action noting its reason for the action
- The assembly is afforded the opportunity to make a motion noting its disagreement with the committee action. All ICC members in attendance can vote on the motion
- Public comments submitted in response to committee action – due August 1st
- Public comments compiled into the Final Action Agenda
- Final Action Hearing October 24 – 28 in Portland. Similar to CDH but the Jurisdictional Member Representatives (code officials) are the deciding body, not a committee

3.5 Coordination with other ICC Committees

Staff noted that there are other ICC committees who are actively developing code changes:

- Code Technology Committee is working on Care Facilities (ie Residential Care and Nursing Homes); Elevator Lobbies and Accessibility
- Code Action Committees. Building, Fire and Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (PMG)

Staff is working to coordinate the activities such that no duplication, conflict or overlap of proposed changes will result from these multiple committees.

4.0 Work Group (WG) Reports. The WG reports will be processed/discussed in a working meeting of the AHC as follows:

- **Finalize 1st round issues/code changes from previous meetings that have not been resolved**
- **Review KTAG assignments and associated code changes not covered in 1st round issues**
- **WG reports that include items moved to the “parking lot”; discussion topics, if any; cross over issues**

4.1 Occupancy WG (Hospital occupancy classification: I-2 vs I-5)

A Powerpoint was presented, noting:

- Goals:
Be able to easily identify differences within the I-2 Category
Coordinated with CTC changes
- Proposal:
Create ‘conditions’ within the I-2 category
Condition 1: Nursing Homes, Detox Facilities
Condition 2: Hospitals

Maintain the '5 and under' requirement unilaterally

Discussion:

- Conditions are already utilized in Group I-3 occupancies to address different levels of restraint
- Conditions being contemplated in I-1 by CTC
- Conditions would only need to be specified when there is a difference in requirements amongst I-2 occupancies – Where the requirement would be the same for all I-2, no code change needed

The full work group report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the Occupancy site. Filename: Occupancy Work Group Report – Meeting #4 Notes

Link: <http://www.iccsafe.org/CS/AHC/Pages/WG-Occupancy.aspx>

4.2 Fire/Fire Safety WG (IBC Chs 7 - 9, 14, 15; IFC; IMC) (posted)

The work group report was presented.

- Part 1 Round 1 issues included: Decorations; Intercommunication between floors; Smoke damper effectiveness; Corridor walls/smoke partitions; ventilation rates; cooking in break rooms; fire alarms; hazardous material locations; alcohol based dispensers; and fire safety and evacuation plans. The full work group report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the Fire/Fire Safety site. Filename: Fire/Fire Safety Work Group Report – Meeting #4 Notes.
- Following the Round 1 issues, the AHC reviewed the applicable KTAG issues under the purview of the Fire/Fire Safety WG. The KTAG report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the Fire/Fire Safety site. Filename: KTAG Report – Meeting # 4 Notes.

Link to both files: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/AHC/Pages/WG-Fire.aspx>

4.3 Egress WG (IBC Chs 10-11; IFC Section 4604) (posted)

The work group report was presented.

- Part 1 Round 1 issues included: Elevators; Corridors; Aisles; Means of egress maintenance; Security and door locking; Suite size; Accessibility (coordination with new ADA); Occupancy designations (Groups) and descriptions; and Definitions. The full work group report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the Egress site. Filename: Egress Work Group Report – Meeting #4 Notes
- Following the Round 1 issues, the AHC reviewed the applicable KTAG issues under the purview of the Egress WG. The KTAG report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the Egress site. Filename: KTAG Report – Meeting # 4 Notes.

Link to both files: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/AHC/Pages/WG-Egress.aspx>

4.4 General WG (IBC Chs 3 – 6, 12, 13, 27 – 34) (posted)

The work group report was presented.

- Part 1 Round 1 issues included: Defend in place; Smoke compartment size; facility use during renovations; mixed uses; and terminology/definitions. The full work group report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the General site. Filename: General Work Group Report – Meeting #4 Notes

- Following the Round 1 issues, the AHC reviewed the applicable KTAG issues under the purview of the General WG. The KTAG report along with notes from this meeting has been posted on the General site. Filename: KTAG Report – Meeting # 4 Notes.

Link to both files: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/AHC/Pages/WG-General.aspx>

5.0 Identification of additional topics and priority relative to AHC Meeting #5

See WG reports under agenda item 4.

6.0 New business

None

7.0 Old business

None

8.0 Meeting wrap – up

8.1 Progress assessment/prioritization of issues for AHC Meeting #5

The AHC discussed the deliverables for Meeting 5. They are indicated in Appendix B to these minutes.

9.0 Future Meetings

9.1 AHC Meeting #5: December 13 – 15, 2011; Orlando, FL (LAST MEETING PRIOR GROUP A CODE CHANGE DEADLINE)

Hyatt Place Orlando Airport Northwest

9.2 Work Group telecons: TBD

10.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm on October 6th

AHC website for posted materials: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/ahc/Pages/default.aspx>

AHC #4 Meeting Minutes - Appendix A

Meeting Attendees

AHC Committee and Staff

Committee

Ed Altizer	Virginia State Fire Marshals Office
Brooks Baker	University of Alabama at Birmingham,e
Tom Baldwin	Benton Harbor Township, MI
Jack Chamblee	Carolinas Healthcare System; Rep: ASHE
Jonathan Flannery	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Rep: ASHE
Dave Howard	Pentors – St. Francis Health Services; Rep: ASHE
Eugene Jaques	Town of Wallkill, Middletown, NY
Henry Kosarzycki	State of Wisconsin – Dept. of Health Services
Sharon Meyers	State of Ohio – Ohio Dept. of Commerce
Dan Nichols	State of New York Dept of State
Jeff O'Neill	University of Pennsylvania Health System; Rep: ASHE
Tim Peglow	MD Anderson Cancer Center; Rep: ASHE
Brad Pollitt	Shands Healthcare; Rep: ASHE
John Williams	Washington State Dept. of Health

Staff

Chad Beebe	ASHE
Doug Erickson	ASHE
Tom Frost	ICC
Kim Paarlberg	ICC
Mike Pfeiffer	ICC
Bill Rehr	ICC

Interested Parties

Dave Collins	AIA
John Woestman	BHMA
Jim Dolan	NFPA
Michael Crowley	Rolf Jensen & Assoc.
Edward Hite	Assa Abloy
Rick Kabele	AFSCC
Deanna Martin	ASHE
Jeff Bresette	FP&C/ASHE
Bill Koffel	Koffel Associates
Sarah Rice	Preview Group
Nicole Casey	H & L Architecture
Lynn Manley	IDPH
Dick Kreidel	Assa Abloy
Dale Wooden	ASHE

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Deliverables for Meeting #5

Fire Safety –

- Complete K-tag report
- Finalize Code Change proposal with reasons – Round 1 and K-tags

General –

- Complete K-tag report
- Finalize Code Change proposal with reasons – Round 1 and K-tags
- Ambulatory Care Facilities – smoke compartmentation, continuation of smoke barriers
- Definition of free standing emergency centers – coordinate with occupancy group

Means of Egress –

- Complete K-tag report
- Finalize Code Change proposal with reasons – Round 1 and K-tags
- Ambulatory Care Facilities – independent means of egress, scope
- Suite size revisions

All groups -

- Verify that retroactive requirements are not more restrictive than new construction.
- If you want more restrictive, then an IBC change is needed.
- Substantiation for IBC changes must be complete by December meeting.
- Completed changes will be reviewed at the Group Chair calls. If approved, then sent to entire committee for vote.
- Be ready to coordinate with CTC for Dec. 1 and 2 meeting
- Discussion of alternative means of compliance for Group I. Perhaps reference FSCS evaluation for retrofit. Problem with the lack of specificity for technical requirements.
- ASHE Investigation of 3412 for Group I-2 hospitals

Occupancy –

- Committee approved concept of Condition 1/nursing homes and Condition 2/hospitals.
- Define what is a hospital – need input from committee members.
- Coordinate with code change proposals and CTC care facilities.
- Identify where existing language is hospital specific.

Ambulatory Care facilities –

- Sharon, John and Jeff have been reviewing K-tags for Ambulatory Care
- They will assign to work groups where there is a difference for Ambulatory Care or a change must be revised to include AHC.