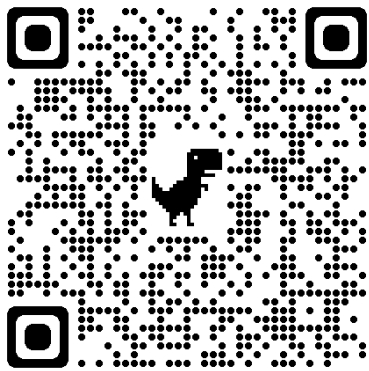


A photograph of two miners in a coal mine. They are wearing white hard hats and orange safety vests over grey work clothes. They are standing in the foreground, looking towards a large yellow mining machine in the background. The woman on the left is pointing towards the machine. The background is slightly blurred, showing the industrial environment of the mine.

Building a Sustainable Miner Health Program

~Jerry Poplin

Creating a sustainable program



From the MHP strategic agenda

To be successful, the Miner Health Program cannot be solely dependent on any singular function, individual, or group.

Sustainability is dependent on identifying and enabling multiple leaders from each community group, across functions, to fully engage and inform the work we do.

There is a need to foster leadership from both our internal and external partners.

Communications & Engagement



Increasing value of communications

- Virtual meeting twice a year—Spring/Fall virtual meet
 - 3rd week of March and October
 - *Partnership-driven*
- 1-2 email touchpoints (not a newsletter) during the year
- Potential webinar or lunch & learn highlighting NIOSH health research

Partner-led examples from first 4 meetings

Laurentian University
Presentation on Mental
Health and Wellbeing
Among Canadian Miners

Opioid Hazard Prevention in
Stone, Sand, and Gravel
Sector

Hecla Suicide
Awareness/Prevention
Campaign

Mental Health among US
Coal Miners

MSHA's Miner Health
Matters Initiative

Updates from Total Worker
Health®

Facilitated Discussion on
Partners' Greatest
Challenges in Behavioral
Health and Psychosocial
Risk Factors

Developing a methodology
for strategic standardization
of mining industry
operational best practices
for miner health

Enabling Multiple Leaders

NIOSH roles and responsibilities



Coordinator x2



Evaluation



Communication

Enabling Multiple Leaders

External partner
roles and
responsibilities



Partnership Liaisons x 3



Members at Large

External partner roles and responsibilities



Partnership Liaisons x 3

- Serve as the main point of contact between NIOSH and partners
 - Share leadership roles as competing schedules may necessitate
 - Coordinate and facilitate partnership-initiated activities
 - Work closely with NIOSH to ensure that collaborative endeavors are aligned with the overall strategic goals of the Miner Health Program
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- Preferably a 3-year commitment, assuming one's organizational support

External partner roles and responsibilities



Members at Large

- Act as subject matter experts, providing invaluable support across various functions
- Offer guidance to internal groups activities
- Actively provide feedback and participate in partnership initiatives, ensuring a diversity of thoughts and experiences
- Volunteer new roles, shadow liaison to rotate roles, serve on various subgroups