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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2010
LABI Conference Center
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Chris Broadwater - Director
Cherie Pinac
Dickie Patterson
Ken Hawkins
Mark Kruse
Jim Patterson
Julie Cherry
Troy Prevot
Michael Morris
Denis Juge

Members via conference call:

Eddie Crawford
Gregory Hubachek

Members Absent:

Clark Cosse
Dr. Jim Quillin
Dr. Joe Laughlin
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Director Broadwater started the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Voc-Rehab / Rehab. Conference

HB 669 – Dixon

Rep. Dixon was present to discuss the bill. Concerns were raised from both the Council and the Public about issues of the bill. Rep. Dixon has agreed to work on the bill and re-write for the next legislative session.

Professional Athletes:

SB 17 – Sen. Murray

Dickie Patterson – motions not to support

Cheri Pinac – seconds motion

Vote:

Hubachek: No

Crawford: Yes

Davoli: No

Kruse: Abstain

Cherry: No

Hawkins: No

Prevot: Yes

D.Patterson: Yes

Morris: Yes

Pinac: Yes

J.Patterson: Yes

Juge: Yes

Director: Yes

8-yas, 4-nays, 1-abstention

SB 496 – Martiny, HB 1076 – Henry

Denis Juge – motions to oppose both bills.

Chuck Davoli – seconds motion.

Vote:

Hubachek: Yes

Crawford: Yes

Davoli: Yes

Kruse: Yes

Cherry: Yes

Hawkins: Yes

Prevot: Yes

D.Patterson: Yes

Morris: Yes

Pinac: Yes

J.Patterson: Yes

Juge: Yes

Director: Yes

Motion unanimous to oppose both bills.

SB 352 – Martiny – HB 1097 – Henry

Troy Prevot - motions to oppose both bills.

Chuck Davoli – seconds motion

Denis Juge – suggests to authors to change “residence”

Vote:

Hubachek: Yes
Crawford: Yes
Davoli: Yes
Kruse: Yes
Cherry: Yes
Hawkins: Yes
Prevot: Yes
D.Patterson: Yes
Morris: Yes
Pinac: No
J.Patterson: Yes
Juge: Yes
Director: Yes

SB 459 – Martiny, HB 1098

Denis Juge – motions to oppose as drafted – with communication to authors to ref.
Mark Kruse – seconds motion

Vote:

Hubachek: Yes
Crawford: Yes
Davoli: Yes
Kruse: Yes
Cherry: Yes
Hawkins: Yes
Prevot: Yes
D.Patterson: Yes
Morris: Yes
J.Patterson: Yes
Juge: Yes
Director: Yes

Confidentiality

HB 1129 – Talbot

Council recommends changes to the bill.

Chuck Davoli – motions to support the bill with changes.
Denis Juge – seconds motion
No Objections. Will present HB 1129 as changed to Rep. Talbot

Compliance/Fraud Penalty

HB 873 – P.Smith

Deferred to next meeting.

Second Injury Fund

HB 1223 – Edwards, SB 639 – Murray
HB 1197 - Ponti

SB 424 – Donahue

Deferred to next meeting.

Electronic Medical Billing/Payment

SB 255 – Chaisson

Dickie Patterson – motions to move as amended.

Troy Prevot – seconds motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Independent Truckers

SB 314 – Walsworth

Julie Cherry – motions to oppose bill as drafted

Ken Hawkins - seconds motion

No opposition, motion passes unanimously

Sole Proprietor

SB 107-Riser, HB 818- Ponti

Bill was deferred to next meeting date.

HB 1088 – Rep. Ponti- (not on agenda)

Dickie Patterson – motions to adopt changes and move the bill forward.

Denis Juge – seconds motion

Chuck Davoli abstains.

Motions passes favorably with changes. Will give changes to Lawren Taylor, atty. (HLIRC)

Other Business

Adjourn