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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2011
LABI Conference Center
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Chair, Wes Hataway
Greg Hubachek
Eddie Crawford
Clark Cosse
Cherie Pinac
Dickie Patterson
Ken Hawkins
Chuck Davoli
Troy Prevot
Michael Morris

Members Absent:

Dr. Joe Laughlin
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Julie Cherry
Denis Juge
Jim Patterson
Dr. Mark Kruse
Dr. Jim Quillin

Meeting started at 9:45.

Undocumented Workers Task Force - Chuck Davoli
No new meetings have taken place. Bills have been filed.

Voc-Rehab. Task Force - Ken Hawkins
Task force has weekly meetings. HB 502 has been filed. Some work still needs to be done on the bill. They are moving forward with good input.

E-Billing Update - Troy Prevot
Lloyd Colvin, Jill Breard and Troy continue to work on the rule to submit to the La. Register by June.

2nd Injury Fund Update -
No new news - no legislation

Legislation - Dir. Hataway - bills to watch

HB 535 - Lafonta - Fraud Protection
HB 518 - LeBas - Pharmacy
SB 143 - Quinn - Exclude workers' bonus' to be figured into AWW.
HB 59 - Harrison - Immigration status identification
HB 26 - Nevers - Diagnostic tests - Health & Welfare
HB 381 - Greene - Health Care Benefits
HB 388 - Harrison - Quality Jobs Bill (Econ. Dev.) SB 72 companion bill

UR Subcommittee Update - Michael Morris

Meetings have been held. Their focus is on drafting the rule to implement 1203.1.

Medical Guidelines Update - Dir. Hataway

Submitting information to the Legislative Oversight Committees.

Other Business -

Hearings - Will be conducting audits of the system. The audits will judge the quality of work. Template includes:

1. Set up correctly
2. Time delays
3. Judicial discretion
4. Application of Law

Audits will start next month.

Fraud - SAS Project

Agencies are meeting to reach agreements. All data will be entered into the database and cross referenced. The following agencies have all signed agreements to share data: Secretary of State, Office of Motor Vehicles, Dept. of Revenue, Dept. of Public Safety.

Fee Schedule Update -

Wes is scheduling a meeting with the person to help work towards updating the fee schedule. They will pick up where Ms. Fontenot left off.

Rep. LaFonta and Sen Quinn will be invited to next meeting on May 6 to discuss their bills.

Public Comment

Adjourn