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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2011
LABI Conference Center
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:
Wes Hataway, Chair
Cherie Pinac
Chuck Davoli
Greg Hubachek
Dr. Mark Kruse
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Eddie Crawford
Clark Cosse
Dickie Patterson
Denis Juge
Troy Prevot
Julie Cherry
Jim Patterson
Ken Hawkins

Members absent:
Dr. Joe Laughlin
Michael Morris

Meeting started at 9:35 a.m.

Rep. LeBas - Pharmacy Issues

Council agreed that changes being suggested by Rep. Lebas, can indeed be done by Rule, not legislation. Troy Prevot will work with Wes and Lebas to work up the rule for submission to the La. Register.

Updates from Task Forces:

- Undocumented Workers – Chair, Chuck Davoli -

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Three targets they are working on:

1. Dis-incentive to employers not to hire illegals.
2. Safe harbors for employers
3. Specific provisions for undocumented workers

Task force will examine and research other state and have legislation ready soon.

- Vocational Rehabilitation – Chair, Jim Patterson -
Task force has had good discussion at meetings. They are in the gathering process. Meeting will be held today at 1:30. Will start writing bill today after meeting.
- Electronic Medical Billing – Chair, Troy Prevot -
Will start working on Rule by June to submit to La. Register by early summer.
- 2nd Injury Fund Study Group – Chair, Michael Morris -
AIA was no show at the last meeting. There are no plans to move on this issue this session.

2011 Legislation

Juge: R.S. 1201 - penalties and medical process procedures for medical fee issues. Amendments needed.

Utilization Review (UR) Subcommittee Update-

Dr. Herring is working in small groups and will meet with Director Hataway regarding implementation of the UR Rules.

Medical Guidelines Update- Upcoming Statewide Training -

Promulgation of the rules are in place. Dr. Rich will be holding statewide training in north Louisiana, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. These training sessions will be open to the public. Anyone can attend.

WCRI Presentation -

Rick Victor presented a slide show regarding WCRI.

Other Business

Public Comment -

Shana Veade reminded everyone about legislation pre-file deadlines.

Wayne Fontana - noted that the PPOs and the fee schedule are two separate issues.

Adjourn