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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2012

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1:30p.m. – 4:00p.m. – Discussion of 2012 Legislation

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Dickie Patterson
Dr. Jim Quillin
Chuck Davoli
Ken Hawkins
Julie cherry
Ray Peters
Troy Prevot
Michael Morris
Denis Juge
Eddie Crawford
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Dr. Mark Kruse
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Greg Hubachek
Jim Patterson
Clark Cosse

Members Absent:

2012 Legislation

HB 930-Ligi/SB 602-Appel– Creates the Workers' Compensation Benefits Review Board.

HB 885-Ligi/SB 613-Cortez –Calculation of wages; reimbursement for medication; examination by a physician; fraudulent conduct; vocational rehabilitation.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Marusak, State Medical Society
Randall Johnson, Independent Pharmacies
Brian Allen, Progressive Medical, Inc.

HB 959-Ligi/SB560-Donahue – Creates the La. Workers' Compensation Law.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Marusak, State Medical Society
Cindy Bishop, LOA
Brian Allen, Progressive Medical Inc.
Jennifer Barber Valois

Vote:

Clark Cosse motions to oppose bill
Greg Hubachek seconds motion
10-in favor of motion
6 in opposition of motion
Bill fails to pass by favorable vote

HB 666-Edwards/SB 293-Murray – Amend and reenact 23:1310.3(F) to provide for jurisdiction for retaliatory discharge claims.

HB 903-Jackson/SB 607-Peterson – Amend and reenact 23:1226(A)(B)(D) and (E) and enact 23:1227, vocational rehabilitation; provide for functional capacity evaluation testing.

Public Comment:NONE

Ken Hawkins and Joe Shine are working on making changes to the bill and will have a red lined version ready by the next Advisory Council meeting.

SB 511 – Donahue – Amend and reenact 23:1035(A) and enact 23:1035.3 – Provide for exceptions for workers’ compensation coverage; to require workers’ compensation for certain individuals; provide waiver of coverage in certain circumstances.

Public Comment: NONE

Per Will Green, OWC Attorney: Sen Donahue is not moving the bill. Bill is deferred and will talk to Sen. Donahue about officially withdrawing the bill.

SB 229 – Crowe – Changes the time for filing an appeal relative to care to the medical director from fifteen to thirty days.

Public Comment:

Ted Williams – Rep. of injured workers

Vote:

Ken Hawkins motions to move bill favorable
Dr. Hank Eiserloh 2nds motion
10 votes for motion
5 votes against motion
Bill falls short of the 75% rule
Director Hataway will report to committee

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourn