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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2012

LABI

9:30 – 12:00

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Troy Prevot
Ray Peters
Chuck Davoli
Greg Hubachek
Julie Cherry
Denis Juge
Clark Cosse
Michael Morris
Eddie Crawford
Jim Patterson
Dickie Patterson
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim Quillin
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Dr. Mark Kruse
Ken Hawkins

Meeting started at 9:50 a.m.

[HB 29-Pearson](#) – Payment of disability benefits for members of MPERS

No Public Comment

Hubachek motions to oppose bill

Peters seconds motions

No opposition

Motion to oppose bill passes

[HB 1071](#) – Harris – Workers compensation reimbursement

Public Comment:

Perry Staub, Haggart, Morton

Cindy Bishop, LOA, in opposition

Cosse motions to oppose bill

Prevot seconds motion

Crawford objects to motion

8-votes for motion

2-votes in opposition of motion

Motion to oppose passes

[HB 1083](#) – Pylant – Forfeiture of certain benefits while incarcerated

Deferred – will get with Sheriff's Association and Department of Corrections for discussion.

[SB 241](#)-Murray/[HB 613](#)-James – Approval of attorney fees in workers’ compensation claims

Public Comment:

Dale Cronin, attorney

Juge motions to oppose bill

Crawford seconds motion

Davoli objects to motion

7-votes for motion

4-votes to oppose motion

Non consensus – Motion fails to carry

[SB 293](#)-Murray/[HB 666](#)- Edwards – Vests the OWCA with exclusive jurisdiction over all claims of workers’ compensation discrimination

Permanently deferred.

[SB 295](#)-Murray/[HB 888](#)-Johnson – Workers’ Compensation disability claims

Public Comment:

Dale Cronin, attorney

Juge motions to oppose

Cherry calls substitute motion to approve bill

Davoli seconds substitute motion

4- votes in favor of substitute motion

7 – votes to oppose motion

Motion fails to carry

[SB 430](#) - Murray/[HB 672](#) – Edwards – Prescriptive Period for certain injuries

Public comment:

Dr. Joe Laughlin, Orthopedic

Hubachek motions to move bill favorable with amendments.

Juge seconds motion.

Motion carries – no opposition

[SB 431](#)-Murray/[HB 496](#)-James – Application of new medical treatment guidelines

Public Comment:

Dale Cronin, attorney

Paul Benoist, attorney

Prevot motions to oppose bill

Peters seconds motion

6-votes to oppose motion

4-votes in favor of motion

Motion fails to carry

[SB 466](#)-Buffington/[HB 574](#)-A.Williams – Workers’ Compensation medical reimbursement schedule

Public Comment:

Dr. Joe Laughlin, Orthopedic

Cindy Bishop, LOA

Deferred

[SB 470](#)-Murray/[HB 621](#)-A.Williams – Parties authorized to procure and release medical records

Public Comment:

Paul Benoist, attorney

Jennifer ? attorney

Dale Cronin, attorney

Davoli motions to move bill favorably

Hubachek seconds motion

5-votes in favor of motion

6-votes in opposition

Motion fails to carry

[SB 471](#)-Murray/[HB 747](#)-Edwards – Safeguards for employee protection

No Public Comment

Davoli motions to move bill favorably

Cherry seconds motion

4-votes in favor of motion

7-votes in opposition of motion

[SB 478](#)-Morrish/[HB 697](#)-Edwards – Suits against third parties in workers' compensation claims

No Public Comment

Hubachek motions to move bill favorably

Cherry seconds motion

Prevot objects to motion

3-votes in favor of motion

6-votes in opposition of motion

Motion fails to carry

[SB 607](#) -Peterson/[HB 903](#)-K.Jackson – vocational rehabilitation for disabled employees

Public Comment:

Joe Shine, OT, PT

Davoli moves to defer bill

Clark seconds motion

Bill is deferred

Other Business

*Wes will send Council bill numbers on the Pro-Athletes bills.

*Next W. C. Advisory Council meeting will be May 4th, 9:30 a.m. at the LABI Conference Center

Adjourn