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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2012
LABI – 3113 Valley Creek Drive
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Hataway
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Michael Morris
Chuck Davoli
Ray Peters
Troy Prevot
Clark Cosse
Bob Israel
Joe Jollisaint
Greg Hubachek

Members Absent:

Julie Cherry
Dr. Mark Kruse
Eddie Crawford
Dr. Jim Quillin
Dickie Patterson
Denis Juge
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Injured Worker Fund Update

(HR 133) Greg Hubachek goes over the final report of the HR 133 study. Report is available in this file. Rep. Chris Broadwater thanks everyone for the work on the study. This will provide more opportunities to get injured workers back to meaningful work and improve the function.

Administrative Rules Update

1009 Update – Final form is online. Rule should be effective December 20, 2012.

1007/IAB1 – New name for the form. Rule should be effective December 20, 2012.

1010/1010A – Few changes. Final rule to be submitted to Register on December 10, 2012.

E-Bill Companion Guide – Clarification changes to be made. Nothing substantial. Will send report to Oversight Committee.

CPT Code Update – On website for review. We will move forward this month. The fiscal and economic impact statement is at the La. Fiscal Office and then will be reviewed by Office of Risk Management. As of today, there is no approval yet.

MTS Spine Section – Recommendations for changes were made at the MAC meeting. Final draft has been placed on our website for review. Will submit to Register once all changes are agreed upon.
Public Comment – Gary Patureau asked if all stages of the process of the rules will be placed on the web. Director Hataway said yes, it will be posted on our website at LAWWORKS.net under the workers' compensation tab.

Second Injury Fund Task Force

The Second Injury Fund is set to sunset in 2014. We will keep working with all parties including Rep. Foils office to make recommended changes.

W. C. Workplace Safety Task Force

Chuck Davoli and Director Hataway are in the process of formalizing the group and setting up a meeting.

Usual & Customary Cases – Shelly Dick

Jan. 10, 2013 will be Shelly's last court date for the OWCA. She has been appointed to serve as the next Federal Judge. We need a replacement. Director Hataway is looking at potential candidates. Hopefully it will not hinder cases.

2013 Legislative Session

The 2013 Legislative session will convene on April 8, 2013. We will discuss new legislation at our February WCAC meeting.

Save the Date: OWCA 3rd Annual Educational Seminar – January 24-25 – Renaissance Hotel

Other Business

Director Hataway recaps the many accomplishments of 2012 from Council to participants to the public.

Public Comment

Jenny Barber – questions why Medical Services is not in the annual report?

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Adjourn