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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2013
LABI – 3113 Valley Creek Drive
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Eddie Crawford
Troy Prevot
Chuck Davoli
Bob Israel
Greg Hubachek
Michael Morris
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Clark Cosse
Denis Juge
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Dr. Mark Kruse
Joe Jollisaint
Julie Cherry

Members Absent:

Dickie Patterson
Dr. Jim Quillin
Ray Peters

*Judge Laramore reminds everyone about the 4-19-13 fundraiser for Kids Chance at Moore-Thompson, 6513 Perkins Rd.

LRS/SIF Presentation –John Schweitzer gives a presentation about LRS.

W. C. Workplace Safety Task Force Update – first meeting was held on 3-6-13. Chuck Davoli gives a summary of the meeting. Chuck and Wes will meet next week to see when the next meeting will be held.

2013 Legislative Session – We will have to schedule an additional WCAC meeting in addition to the 4-11-13 meeting that is already scheduled.

Wes Hataway had to leave meeting to attend Appropriations Meeting at the Capitol. Greg Hubachek chairs meeting with Pauline Williams as Co-Chair

Act 860 of 2012 Legislative Session – C. Ray Murray talks about his legislative proposal to repeal Act 860.

R.S. 23:1034.2 (Fee Schedule) – Will Green talks about the update. Dr. Kruse asks if the committee utilized the National Stands for payments? Dr. Eiserloh says there is a lack of transparency and wants to know

how the rate is determined. Clark Cosse says he needs more information. His team will not be able to model a schedule with this time limit. Will not be ready for 2013 session. Public Comment was made by Mike Schroder, who stated there needs to be modeling data.

Medical Guidelines Clean-up – Will Green. Need to develop a process for Director Authority. Dr. Gallagher would like to hear Dr. Rich’s thoughts on this. Will states that Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Dugas are co-directors and will need to be added to statute protocol. Public comment was made by Jenny Valois about contracts with Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Dugas, concerning a conflict of interest on the basis of referrals. Gary Patureau also had public comment concerning he supports the clearing house. Dr. John Logan, Spine Surgeon in Covington, let his concerns be known about the Guidelines not working in his practice. Will Green is going to hold a seminar at his office to help with this issue.

Other Business – Second Injury Fund - Bob Israel spoke about the SIF sunset. Do we extend or repeal? Please let him know your thoughts.

Adjourn – 12:35 pm.