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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2013

****LDI- 1702 N. 3rd Street – Poydras Bldg.**

9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Members Present:

Wes Hataway, Chair
Denis Juge
Michael Morris
Ray Peters
Dickie Patterson
Troy Prevot
Eddie Crawford
Joe Jollisaint
Clark Cosse
Chuck Davoli
Bob Israel
Julie Cherry
Greg Hubachek

Members Absent:

Dr. Mark Kruse
Dr. Hank Eiserloh
Dr. Jim Quillin
Dr. Dan Gallagher

Kids Chance Fundraiser Reminder – April 19, 2013 - *Kids Chance Fundraiser reminder – 4-19-13 – Friday, Moore-Thompson-Lee, 6513 Perkins Rd.

W. C. Workplace Safety Task Force Meeting Reminder – May 13, 2013 – LDI 9:30 – 12:00

Choice of Physician Bulletin (COP)

2013 Legislative Session

[HB 121](#) – Montoucet – Membership of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council – To add a physical therapy representative to the WCAC, David Tatman a rep from La. Physical Therapy Assn. discuss Rep. Montoucet's bill. Clark Cosse motions to support bill, Dickie Patterson 2nds motion. Discussion from the Council with concerns and issues. Director Hataway asks David Tatman to report back to Rep. Montoucet and discuss Council's concerns. No vote taken today.

[HB 410](#) – Talbot – Sunset of Second Injury Fund. Stan Harris of the LRA, presents Rep. Talbot's bill to the Council. Bob Israel motions to support the bill. Julie Cherry 2nds motion. Objections -3, in favor 8. Bill moves favorable for support by the WCAC.

[HB 450](#) – Ivey – Medical Treatment Schedule – Agency (OWCA) bill. Amendments were suggested by the Council. Bob Israel motions to support bill as amended. Eddie 2nds motion. No objections. Bill reported favorable with amendments.

[HB 464](#) – Hunter – Repeals prohibition of the receipt of W.C. benefits while incarcerated. –Denis Juge and Chuck Davoli opposes bill. Chuck Davoli suggests to defer bill until next meeting, until WCAC can get more information from Rep. Hunter concerning his bill.

[HB 606](#) - Cromer – Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Law – C.Ray Murray discusses bill with the Council. Troy Prevot calls to question. Greg Hubachek states that Council needs to take some action today. Hubachek motions to defer to next meeting. Clark Cosse 2nds motion. Denis Juge objects – does not support bill. Vote: 6 to defer bill , 4 opposed to defer bill. Bill deferred til next WCAC meeting.

[SB 181](#) – Cortez – Qualifications and Duties of W. C. Medical Director – Mark Garber and Jenny Valois discuss bill with the Council. Open discussions to defer bill until next WCAC meeting.

Other Business – Next meeting will be 4-19-13 at LDI, 9:30 – 12:00.

Public Comment – Dr. Troy Beaucoudray – Neurologists; Dr. Shamshai, Neurologists from Tulane; Dr. John Logan, surgeon from Covington.

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