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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2014

9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

LABI – 3113 Valley Creek Dr.

Members Present:

Chair Hataway

Troy Prevot

Ray Peters

Chuck Davoli

Joe Jollisaint

Michael Morris

Bob Israel

Clark Cosse

Hank Eiserloh

Julie Cherry

Members Absent:

Dan Gallagher

Denis Juge

Eddie Crawford

Greg Hubachek

Jim Quillin

Mark Kruse

Joe Shine

Meeting started at 945 a.m.

Agency Updates -

Atrium construction is now complete. Visitors can now enter the building in the front through our new Atrium. We are still under construction in the back of our building. Visitors parking is now located on the West side fence.

Jan Clary, our new Medical Services Manager will start her new position here on August 5th. We will introduce her at our next meeting in August.

The new upgrade for our website coverage verification system (CVS) is in final testing and should be online by the end of the week. NCCI will make a phone app, called the WesApp, which should be available in another month.

SB 198 – Streamlined compliance laws within the workers' compensation laws. Mikal Pippins has developed a system through Justware, and we will have a pilot with the B.R. Office in the near future.

H2OSHA - OSHA staff will be visiting work sites throughout the state and giving out water and information on heat related stress/illness.

Administrative Rules Update –

Final Rule for the Utilization Review – Evaluation Management/Physical Therapy (UR-EM/PT) was submitted on June 10th to the State Register, they will publish the final rule on June 20th.

Final Rule for the Medical Guidelines updates were submitted to the State Register on June 10th, and will be published on June 20th.

Bulletins pertaining to these rules will be drafted from our office and posted on our website.

Workplace Safety Task Force Update –

Chuck Davoli presents summary on updates to the taskforce. Cost Containment programs needs to be addressed by legislation to upgrade the system.

E&M Reimbursements Determinations –

Group will meet to discuss partial payment by a rule change and discuss at the next meeting in August.

2015 Legislative Session –

Update deductibles on 2nd Injury Fund. Also, sunset is expiring, date needs to be adjusted or eliminated.

Fee Schedule Update – Sherie Phillips is crunching numbers and coming up with an updating factor.

Pharmacy Formulary – studies are alarming regarding narcotics/opioids miss-use. Need to address this situation. Will get a work group together to look at what other states are doing. Possible drug testing? Ray will be chair of that group.

2015 W. C. Educational Seminar Topics –

Our next W. C. Educational Seminar will be in January 2015. Larry is working on dates and securing a location. Please send us suggested topics; you can email Wes, Teresa and Larry.

Other Business

Public Comment

Will Green from LABI reminds everyone about the upcoming LABI conference, being held August 14-15, 2014.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:15 p.m. Next meeting will be here at LABI on August 28th, 9:30.