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WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

August 28, 2014
9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.
LABI – 3113 Valley Creek Dr.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chair Hataway
Greg Hubachek
Joe Jollisaint
Ray Peters
Dr. Dan Gallagher
Bob Israel
Denis Juge
Joe Shine
Julie Cherry
Michael Morris

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim Quillin
Chuck Davoli
Eddie Crawford
Dr. Mark Kruse
Troy Prevot
Dr. Hank Eiserloh

Meeting started at 9:45 a.m.

Agency Updates

Director Hataway welcomed and introduced the new Medical Services Manager, Jan Clary.

Corey Gaines talked about the H2OSHA initiative.

MICS System (SB 198)(Act 375) – Mandatory Insurance Compliance System.

Dr. Lee visited Colorado for review and update of the medical guidelines. He will have a full report at the next meeting.

There will be a seminar held in Shreveport for the Medical Treatment Guidelines. Notification will be sent out when scheduled.

2015 OWC Educational Conference will be held January 22, and 23 at the Renaissance on Bluebonnet. We are in the process of finalizing the agenda and all are welcome to send in topics.

Public Comment: Will MICS information/instruction be put on website?

Utilization Review Rules (UR) LAC 40:2715

Director Hataway discussed reasons the new rule was set in place, and rather than streamline the process it has made it worse. Dr. Rich discussed the questions/concerns/complaints he has been receiving from providers concerning this new rule.

**Denis Juge suggested to eliminate the \$759 limit altogether.
Michael Morris states that this would not work with the payor.**

Public Comment: Robin, Wayne Fontana,

Director Hataway stated that we will put a bulletin on our website regarding the new rule.

Tacit Denials/Approvals: There were 109 tacit denials that came through our office last quarter, (16%). We need to reach out to companies and ask why? Remind them about the 5 day rule. Possible reasons are 1. There may be a disconnect between the carrier and the UR company, adjusters not concerned. 2. UR volume doesn't allow for time in 5 days. 3. Denial anyway.

Dr. Rich asks that only clinical information, not administrative, be sent to him. Documents need to be organized, chronological order, he does not look at images, only the generated report from the image. Need to limit or cut out billing records. Only needs clinically pertinent information, not the administrative information. 40:2715 (D), clearly spells out that images are not to be sent.

Other Business

Workplace Safety Task Force will meet 9-24-14, at LDI, 9:30 – 12:00.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.