

Revised

Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Special Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2006

Committee Members:

Business Representatives: Kris Tefft, Association of Washington Business; Mike Sotelo, W. G. Clark Construction Company; Jon Warling, Mon-Jon Orchards

Labor Representatives: Owen Lynch, Joint Council of Teamsters No 28; Dave Johnson, Washington Building & Construction Trades Council; Robby Stern, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Absent: Katrina Zitnik, Costco Wholesale, Ellie Menzies, Service Employees State Council, Self Insured Workers' Representative

Ex Officio Member: Tom Egan, Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals

Chair: Bob Malooly

Recorder: Gwen Reed

Presenters: Mike Ratko, Josh Swanson, Doric Olson, Jeanne Sears, Vickie Kennedy, Sandy Dziedzic.

Guests: Theresa Vance, Linda Dale, David Bender, Lucinda Young, Jeanne Sears, David Lauman, Sara Beznoska, Rick Slunaker, Jeff Johnson, Dan Fazio, Amy Brackenbury, Carl Nelson, Holly Chisa, Janice Camp, Vicky Smith, Dave Kaplan, Paulette Avalos, Tammie Hetrick, Michael Temple, Mark Johnson, Laura Gubbe, Kimberly Hurley, Beverly Simmons, Tim Boyd, Jan Gee, Robert Hallenbeck, Nancy Dicus.

L & I Staff: Judy Schurke, Bob Malooly, Mike Ratko, Josh Swanson, Cheri Ward, Barbara Collier, Gary Walker, Joshua Ligosky, Russell Frank, Sandy Dziedzic, Gary Franklin, Jean Vanek, Dave Bonauto, Doug Mathers, Vickie Kennedy.

Annual Fraud Report – Doric Olson:

Doric presented a Draft 2006 Annual Fraud Report and if anyone has feedback please let him know by Friday, October 20, 2006.

Doric reminded the group that fraud reports can be reported on the 1-888 number or on line through the L & I Website. All reports are anonymous.

Nurse Case Management – Jeanne Sears:

Jeanne presented a draft report for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants as Attending Provider in Washington State Workers' Compensation System as required by SHB 1691 and SB 6356.

Labor asked if there would be a recommendation this legislative session that ARNP and PA should be given authorization to manage time loss claims.

Gary Franklin stated that the department wants further discussion before a final decision is made.

Social Security Offset – Vickie Kennedy:

Vickie reviewed the draft Social Security Offset Report to the Legislature.

No questions or concerns at this time.

Use of Workers' Compensation Funds (608/609) – Mike Ratko/Josh Swanson:

Mike presented a draft report of Use of Workers' Compensation Funds (2006 Legislative Proviso).

~~Labor felt the programs identified were not what was originally agreed upon. They felt the identified programs were only those moved from the general fund to the workers' compensation fund in 2002.~~

Robby Tern and Kris Tefft pointed out that the programs identified were not what were originally agreed upon. The committee reviewed programs beyond the original agreement. The agreed upon programs were only those moved from the general fund to the Workers' Compensation Fund in 2002.

Discussion around what needs to be included in the report to the legislature will continue with the subcommittee and an updated draft report will be sent out to committee members for review.

Employer Reporting Update – Sandy Dziedzic:

Sandy provided the committee with a handout on where the department is with employer reporting.

Contingency Reserve Update – Bob Malooly:

Bob updated the committee about a possible rate holiday. Both labor and business were asked to obtain feedback from their stakeholders. One of the options presented to the finance committee was a combination of cash refund on the employer side and a rate holiday on the employee side.

The department is still looking for a way to utilize the favorable condition of our fund reserve, but in order to file appropriate paperwork a decision needs to be made quickly. Filing of a CR 102 does not commit the department in doing a rate holiday.

Next Regular WCAC meeting – Monday, December 4, 2006 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon, Tukwila Service Location.