



Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation & Evaluation (ACHIEv)

Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting occurred via Zoom

Members Present

David Folweiler, DC | Chair
John Meier | Vice Chair
Andrew Friedman, MD
Kirk Harmon, MD
Louis Lim, MD
Laurie Gwerder, ARNP
Tricia Daniel
Jane Dale
Lloyd Brooks
Aaron Jorgensen

Members Not Present

Nicole Gomez

L&I Staff & Presenters

Gary Franklin
Kim Wallace
Karen Jost
Kirsta Glenn
Charla Treise
Angelique Guppy
Diana Drylie
Jennine Griffo
Suzyn Daniel
Jason McGrew
Shawn Apperson
Jason Fodeman
Morgan Young
Azadeh Farokhi
Bob Waring
Jennifer Jutte
Zach Gray
Noha Gindy

Morgan Wear
Athena Hightower
Emily Stinson
Megan Lemon
Aaron Hoffman
Jessica Radcliff
Daniel Aguilera
Jessica Sullivan
Paulina Luke
Kim Mayhew
Elizabeth Ottmar
LaNae Lien
Ilana Lehmann
Tiffany Meeks
Victoria Rich
Todd Bishopp
Deborah Fulton-Kehoe



Welcome & Virtual Meeting Tips (David Folweiler & Kim Wallace)

Introductions

ACHIEv Chair David Folweiler called the meeting to order and led introductions. Kim Wallace introduced L&I participants.

Review & Approve Agenda

The committee reviewed the May 8, 2025 ACHIEv agenda and voted to remove the introduction of Deborah Havens, who is currently on leave. Motion approved and carried.

Approve Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2025 Meeting

Committee members reviewed and approved the January 23, 2025 ACHIEv meeting minutes with no changes.

Safety Tip

David Folweiler reviewed the safety tip on the work zone safety.

Updates

Legislative (Karen Jost)

Karen presented update on current legislative and rulemaking efforts. House Bill 1281 made technical corrections to Title 51, changing Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). House Bill 1432 updates the mental health parity law. Karen also briefly discussed HB 1197 (2023), which allows psychologists to serve as Attending Providers; the bill recently had a public hearing with supportive testimony. The associated rules are set to go into effect July 1, 2025.

Agency Update (Kim Wallace)

Kim shared an agency update, including the agency's hopes to implement hybrid meetings in the new fiscal year. Until then, all meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.



PTSD Update (Jennifer Jutte)

Jennifer provided an update on two components of the PTSD Project. The first involved legislative funding to establish a contract with a third party vendor (Masdyne Research, LLC) to assess current workers' compensation benefits, policies and coverage related to PTSD across jurisdictions. This review informed a legislative report that is currently being reviewed and finalized. The second component involved data collection to support improved reporting efforts. In addition, Jennifer provided an updated on the PTSD Clinical Guideline development which was initiated in August 2024 and is anticipated to be completed by Fall, 2025.

COHE Program Score Card (Morgan Wear)

Morgan provided an update on the reach and performance of the Centers of Occupational Health and Education (COHE) program. Currently, 4,500 providers are enrolled—about half of those eligible. COHE providers initiate 55–60% of claims in the L&I system, with efforts underway to increase that percentage. Morgan explained how the COHE scorecard evaluates collective program impact and demonstrated how to access the COHE report on the public website. The presentation included key metrics such as total claim days, provider adoption of COHE best practices, and incurred cost per claim.

Self-Insurance Claims Disputes (LaNae Lien)

LaNae outlined what qualifies as a dispute, provided examples, and explained which parties at L&I handle different types of disputes. She also reviewed the typical resolution timeline and the steps for submitting a dispute. Committee members asked follow-up questions about submission procedures and expected response times. LaNae also discussed potential penalties for violations and what may trigger them.

Self-Insurance Billing Disputes (Charla Trieese)

Charla provided an overview of billing procedures, including how to file a billing dispute and use the appropriate dispute form. She also explained how interest accrues on late payments and the process for billing for that interest. Providers can access an interest calculator on the L&I public website to assist with these calculations.

On the Job Recovery Agreement (Ilana Lehmann)

Ilana introduced a video on the advantages of on the job recovery (aka modified duty), as well as challenges faced by attending providers. She shared details about the proposed recovery



agreement form, including examples of job modifications and pain management plan. Ilana asked for committee feedback on the form and outlined the completion process, which involves the VRC initiating the form, collaboration with the employer, and final input from the attending provider to ensure medical appropriateness. L&I plans to launch the form and toolkit on July 1, 2025. A training for VRCs will be held August 6, 2025.

Time Loss Curve Project (Gary Franklin, Kirsta Glenn, Deborah Fulton-Kehoe)

Kirsta described a concerning rise in time-loss duration and long-term disability (LTD) in 2024, citing possible contributing factors such as demographic shifts, healthcare system changes, and economic conditions.

Deborah provided an overview of a research project focused on LTD, including the methodology and key findings. She shared age-related trends and differences in time-loss between/among different subgroupings and criteria, including provider type. Provider type does not explain the recent increase in time loss duration. The final report for this phase is expected to be delivered to L&I in June 2025. Next steps are likely to include analyzing newer data, comparing outcomes by initial provider type, and examining the impact of salary continuation.

Public Comment (David Folweiler)

None.

Meeting Wrap-Up (David Folweiler)

Meeting Debrief

The committee members found the information presented to be valuable and engaging but expressed interest in tracking additional metrics to provide a more comprehensive view in future updates.

Agenda Requests for July 2025

The committee expressed interest in hearing more about PTSD, including data and the legislative report. They hope these items can be on the agenda in July or October.