

## **Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Quarterly Meeting Minutes for **10/20/2022**

Prepared by: Molly Dutton, ONC

### **IIMAC Members Present**

Jiho Bryson  
Greg Carter  
Mike Codsì  
Andrew Friedman (Chair)  
Laurie Gwerder  
Monica Haines  
Kirk Harmon (Vice-chair)  
Robert (Bob) Lang  
Jean-Christophe (JC) Leveque  
Linda Seaman  
Stephen Thielke  
Patricia (Pattie) Waring

### **IIMAC Members Absent**

Louis Lim  
Chris Howe

### **L&I Staff and Presenters**

Suzyn Daniel- L&I  
Diana Drylie- L&I  
Molly Dutton- L&I  
Azadeh Farokhi- L&I  
Jason Fodeman- L&I  
Shari Fowler-Koorn- Comagine  
Gary Franklin- L&I  
Noha Gindy- L&I

Zach Gray- L&I  
Jennine Griffo- L&I  
Tammy Havner- L&I  
Jason McGrew- L&I  
Tiffany Meeks- L&I  
Shauna Muendel- L&I  
Ji Young Nam- L&I  
Shannon Pitts- L&I  
Victoria Rich- L&I  
Terri Smith-Weller- L&I  
Kim Wallace- L&I  
Cheri Ward- L&I  
Bob Waring- L&I  
Morgan Young- L&I

### **Public Commenters/Participants**

N/A

**Welcome and Introductions (Andrew Friedman)**

\*Call to order at 1:00 pm

^^Quorum present

**Safety Tips (Andrew Friedman)**

- Safe driving and travel preparedness in inclement weather.
- ShakeOut day (10/20 at 10:20) to prepare for potential earthquakes. Earthquake safety presented.

**Approve Minutes (Andrew Friedman) From 7/28/2022**

\*First motion: Bob Lang

\*Second motion: Linda Seaman

^^No opposed/all approved

**Introduction of New OMD Staff (Gary Franklin)**

- Azadeh Farokhi- MD, MPH, MOH
- Ji Young Nam- MD, MPH
- Bob Waring- MD

**Provider Recognition Program Pilot (Noha Gindy)**

The Provider Recognition Program (PRP) pilot will reward high adopters of best practices. The pilot will be for a small number of providers and will implement a plan-do-check-assess (PDCA) cycle. Processes have improved due to learned experience. There is a wide variety of interested specialty areas. Feedback was collected. Distributing information to interested parties was encouraged.

**IICAC Resources Update (Morgan Young)**

Last update to the resource for conservative care for attending providers (APs) was 2014 and public comment was taken through January of 2022. The resource has been adopted and posted. Improvements include updates in formatting and research. Documentation resource updates were implemented as well. Used as an instructional aid for APs, the resource was streamlined and made more user-friendly. Additions include information on how to use the SOAP-ER format for charting and objective medical findings.

**Long COVID (Ji Young Nam)**

Long COVID is diagnosed with some specific characteristics, in combination with the exclusion of other diagnoses. Numerous federal and international organizations are working to create and implement an action plan for diagnosis and management. Clinical case examples were reviewed in detail. Particularly emphasized was the association between long COVID and mental health conditions, and challenges of long COVID (causation, return to work).

\*Actions taken or requested

^^Decisions made

Currently Andrew Friedman is chair, Kirk Harmon is vice-chair. Term expires at the end of 2022 (terms are 2 years). No one else expresses interest in the positions.

Re-election of both Andrew Friedman and Kirk Harmon was proposed and confirmed.

\*First motion: Linda Seaman

\*Second motion: Bob Lang

^^No opposed/all approved

#### Updates:

- **Bree (Gary Franklin)**  
CDC is currently revising opioid prescribing recommendations. Once those are released Bree will review and give an update as-needed.
- **PCORI (Gary Franklin)**  
The final report is currently being prepared. Opioid prescribing has gone down so much, it now makes data analysis more challenging. A longer presentation to IIMAC will be given when completed.
- **ProviderOne (Jennine Griffo)**  
Provider accounts are being migrated to ProviderOne in January 2023. The migration will be done gradually to ensure a smooth transition. Providers will be given a 30-day notice prior to migration. New providers can use ProviderOne starting December 2022.
- **Legislative and budget (Cheri Ward)**  
Agency-requested proposals for the next legislative session will include:
  - Psychologists as attending providers on mental health-only claims
  - 17 operating- budget decision packages for consideration

Three for assisting/supporting underserved workers:

  - Enhancing provider support and outreach to improve access, especially for workers with limited English proficiency (LEP)
  - Expanding outreach to workers to improve access to information and services for workers with LEP
  - Creation of Center for Work Equity and Research and improve workplace safety through the Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP) program
  - Biennial budget
- **L&I Hybrid Work (Kim Wallace)**  
L&I continues to transition to hybrid work – for staff and for advisory committees. The transition may be affected by the end of the governor’s and/or president’s public health emergency declaration(s). We are planning to start hybrid IIMAC (and ACHIEv) committee meetings in January 2023. We will confirm “hybrid vs. 100% remote for January” by the end of November.

- **Pain Psychologist (Gary Franklin)**

The position for a Pain Psychologist as an Associate Medical Director has been approved and will be posted imminently.

**Public Comment [none]**

**Agenda and Meeting Planning Location for January 2023 (Andrew Friedman)**

Meeting adjourned at **4:05 pm**