

Medical Services Review Board
April 21, 2011
Minutes

Members present

Andrew Schmidt, M.D.
Barbara Baum, MS PT
Beth Baker, M.D.
Brian Konowalchuk M.D. *via phone*
Greg Hynan, D.C.
Jeffrey Bonsell, D.C. *via phone*
Jody Ruppert, OTR/L
Jon Kipp, M.D, J.D
Kathi Hendrickson, R.N. *via phone*
Lisa Hanselman, OTR/L
Michael Goertz, M.D.
Reed Pollack
Robin Peterson, PT
Rose Hatmaker
Hazmer Cassim, D.O.

Members absent

Glenda Cartney, R.N.
Jon Talsness, M.D.

Staff members present

Commissioner Ken Peterson
Assistant Commissioner Gary Hall
Carey Demaris
David Berry
Dee Torgerson
Donna Olson
Jim Vogel
Kate Berger
Lisa Wichterman
Wendy Legge
William Lohman, M.D.

Visitors present

Ray Bohn
Dana Lindquist
Heather Keenan, MAPS

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Beth Baker. A quorum was declared.

Commissioner Ken Peterson introduced himself. He thanked the members for their participation on the Medical Services Review Board (MSRB) and advised that future meetings will include medical topics and results from the WCRI report. Members and staff introduced themselves.

Assistant Commissioner Gary Hall gave an update about the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council's bills that have been passed through two committees in the House and one in the Senate. The bills include changes to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) that will speed up the dispute-resolution process. It also has a provision that increases the cap on the amount a permanently injured employee can use to remodel their home, as well a provision to change the base used to calculate the medical fee schedule for pharmaceutical drugs. In addition, the department is starting a new ombudsman pilot program.

The Jan. 20, 2011, meeting minutes were reviewed. ***Barbara Baum made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathi Hendrickson. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.***

There were no additions to the agenda. Beth Baker reminded members to turn in expense reports if they are interested in receiving per diem for attendance. No new business was brought forth.

Wendy Legge gave a presentation about open meeting law. The requirements for open meetings, closed meetings and electronic participation at meetings were discussed.

David Berry gave a presentation about the results of DLI's medical dispute study. The study compares data from 2003 and 2007 for medical disputes. The results of the study show that earlier scheduling of proceedings lead to earlier agreements where parties reach agreements outside of formal proceedings.

Dr. William Lohman presented his draft report about lumbar injections. He stated an email link to this report will be sent to the board members next week. The members then can review the data to discuss it at the next MSRB meeting in July.

Rose Hatmaker made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, seconded by Barbara Baum. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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