

**Medical Services Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2016**

**Members present**

Jeffrey Bonsell, D.C., chairman  
Michael Goertz, M.D., vice chairman  
Russell Gelfman, M.D. (by phone)  
Reed Pollack  
Dan Wolfe, P.T., G.D.M.T.  
Hans Thurmer, D.C.  
Robert Long, M.D.

**Member alternates present**

Natalie Haefner  
Kimberly Olson, R.N.

**Visitors present**

Ceil Jung, SFM  
Meg Kasting, SFM  
Susan Giguere, MAPS  
Heather Keenan, MAPS  
Jo Ann White, CorVel  
Mike Strong, SFM

**Members absent**

Beth Baker, M.D.  
Matthew Abdel, M.D.  
Brennan McAlpin  
Kathi Hendrickson, R.N.  
Jody Ruppert, OTR/L  
Matthew Monsein, M.D.  
Robert Pandiscio, R.N.  
Robin Peterson, P.T.  
Margaret Spartz, M.D.  
Laura Breeher, M.D.  
Lisa Hanselman, OTR/L

**Staff members present**

Ernest Lampe, M.D.  
Chris Leifeld  
Kate Berger  
Lisa Wichterman  
Jon Brothen  
Anita Hess  
Jessica Stimac  
Karen Kask-Meinke  
Ethan Landy

**Call to order**

The meeting of the Medical Services Review Board (MSRB) was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jeffrey Bonsell. Introductions were made. A quorum was met.

**Approval of the minutes**

A motion to approve the Jan. 21, 2016, minutes was made by Kim Olson and seconded by Dan Wolfe. The board voted in favor. The motion carried.

**Approval of agenda**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

A motion to approve the April 14, 2016, agenda was made by Robert Long and seconded by Kim Olson. The board voted in favor. The motion carried.

**Announcements and update**

Assistant Commissioner Chris Leifeld provided a legislative update about the bills that were approved by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council and are at the Legislature. The amendments pertain to Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals processes, attachments for electronic billing and processes at

**Assistant Commissioner Chris Leifeld**

the Office of Administrative Hearings involving interventions. Handouts from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes about S.F. no. 2398, dated March 23, 2016, and April 1, 2016 are included in the board's folders.

## **Business**

### **Medical cannabis in Minnesota**

**Dr. Thomas Arneson**

Dr. Thomas Arneson, from the Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Medical Cannabis, presented a PowerPoint presentation "Medical cannabis in Minnesota." He gave the history of medical cannabis and explained the Minnesota cannabis program and the qualifying conditions that can be certified for the use of medical cannabis. He talked about the components in the plant, pharmacokinetics and toxicology. The board can contact the Office of Medical Cannabis if they have further questions.

### **Updated opioid contract**

**Jessica Stimac**

Jessica Stimac informed the board of the updates made to the model patient/provider contract for long-term treatment with opioid medication. The handout is dated May 1, 2016.

### **Overview of injection rules**

**Dr. Ernest Lampe**

Dr. Ernest Lampe reviewed the current Minnesota treatment parameter rules for injections, specifically epidural steroid injections. The treatment parameters are similar to what other national and state guidelines recommend. Questions arose regarding the recommended frequency of the injections.

### **Agenda for next meeting**

**Dr. Jeffrey Bonsell and board**

- Treatment parameters – injections: Board to review the treatment parameters about injections to provide comments and discussion.

### **New Business**

**Dr. Jeffrey Bonsell**

- None

### **Adjournment**

Dan Wolfe moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kim Olson. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**The next meeting date is Aug. 11, 2016.**