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Meeting Summary
Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee -Subcommittee on Health Care
Sept 5, 2008

Participants:

Labor: Karen Gude, John Aslakson, Ed Wood
(Owen Linch - absent)
Business: Beverly Simmons, Gerry Reilly, Carolyn Logue and Christina Lombardi
BIIA: Tom Egan
L&I: Roy Plaeger-Brockway, Gary Franklin, Bob Mootz
Facilitator: Dave Overby

Resources and Guests:

Tom Wickizer, Terri Smith-Weller, Kathleen Eagan - UW
Pat Vincent, - Renton COHE, Dan Hansen - Ea. WA COHE
Dianna Chamblin, Marti Bradley - Everett Clinic, Jordan Firestone - Harborview
Diana Drylie, Susan Campbell, Kim Arakawa, Chuck Hitchings, Mary Shatto
Karen Ahrens – L&I
Sallie Rueter – IRAWA, Clif Finch - ACLWA

Introduction and Review of Minutes:

Dr. Gary Franklin welcomed the group and opened the meeting. Minutes from June 20, 2008 were approved.

UW – Long Term Follow-Up of Original COHE Cohorts.

Tom Wickizer presented slides on UW research on the long term follow-up of the original COHE cohorts. This analysis extends the follow-up period by 3 years for Renton and 2 years for Spokane.

Overview and update of 5 solutions developed by L&I team:

Diana Drylie presented slides on the package of 5 solutions.

Overall Discussion

- A business representative asked if participation of providers will be voluntary.
 - Diana Drylie said yes. Roy Plaeger-Brockway answered that we are using incentives as reimbursement strategy to get doctors to do the right thing. The strategy for “bad doctors” is peer review.
 - Gary Franklin added that L&I is working to better define harm.
- How will solutions be funded? (Labor)

OHDS -

- This is implementing something new. (Business)
- It appears that you are adding another layer(s) to health care delivery and not simplifying the process or achieving a systematic change.
- How is OHDS a transition? Does OHDS replace health care delivery at L&I? (Business)
- Is OHDS a test of how to get best practices into the system or are we implementing best practices via OHDS?
- We see a conflict between COHEs and OHDS – what happens to the existing COHEs?

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- Testing in the COHEs is fine but OHDS seem to be beyond the authority of this subcommittee.
- Are OHDS an offshoot of L&I or a backdoor to the COHEs?

Self Insured

- Self Insured (SI) employers may not participate unless convinced of the benefit to them.
- We have a number of issues – changes are not mandatory for all providers and SI employers are not going to participate. (Business)

COHEs

- We do not disagree with COHEs as a test site. (Business)
- Want to see COHE pilot end (Labor?)

Role of WCAC-HC and Parent Committee

- How will it relate to this subcommittee (WCAC-HC), parent committee, or how will you engage business and labor?
- Want to see WCAC-HC end.
- We will plan to go to the parent committee after the next WCAC-HC meeting.
- A labor representative asked if the parent committee will be part of any decision if any best practices go statewide.
 - Roy Plaeger-Brockway answered that some changes in process improvement may be brought to the parent committee, but it would depend on the practice.

Transfer of best practices

- We would like you to look at transition of one quality indicator at a time as you explain the process. (Business)
- L&I - Remind everyone that the issue at our last meeting was how to have a disciplined approach to the transfer of best practices.
- Transfer of best practices in three ways is confusing.
- If best practice is successful, either incorporate it into the system or discontinue it.
- A labor representative asked whether the COHEs would bring any new quality indicator to the WCAC-HC first before testing it.
 - L&I answered that reports from the COHEs could again become a regular part of the subcommittee meetings.
- A labor representative asked how the original four best practices will be sustained in the COHEs when testing new quality indicators.
 - Diana Drylie answered that there will be a limit on how many quality indicators will be tested at any one time in the COHEs.

Both business and labor stated that L&I needs to better explain at the next meeting what they are trying to do and how they will get there. L&I will meet with representatives of each caucus prior to next WCAC-HC meeting - Ed Wood and Owen Linch from Labor caucus and Carolyn Logue and Bev Simmons from Business caucus.