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Meeting Summary
Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee -Subcommittee on Health Care
May 7, 2007

Participants:

Labor: Robby Stern, Ed Wood, Owen Linch and John Aslakson

Business: Vickie Gore, Beverly Simmons, Carolyn Logue and Gerry Reilly

Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals: Tom Egan

L&I: Gary Franklin, Roy Plaeger-Brockway, Bob Mootz

UW: Tom Wickizer, Deb Fulton-Kehoe and Terri Smith-Weller

COHEs: Pat Vincent –Renton COHE, Dan Hansen and Pam Cromer-Eastern WA COHE

Seeds Dianna Chamblin and Marti Bradley-The Everett Clinic and Jordan Firestone-Harborview

L&I Staff: Dave Overby, Diana Drylie, Susan Campbell, Chuck Hitchings, Cherie Berthon and Karen Ahrens

Guests: Clif Finch, Jerri Wood and Karen Gude

Facilitator: Jeremy Sappington

Introduction:

Gary Franklin welcomed the group and opened the meeting.

Combined Report - preliminary findings:

Tom Wickizer presented updated slides about the COHE: Final Report on Outcomes from the Initial Cohort of Injured Workers, 2003-2005.

Questions/issues raised by Subcommittee members:

- Subcommittee members asked whether there was any way to break out any of the three best practices into individual components. Tom answered that he had broken down the data into high adopters and low adopters but otherwise did not break out the best practices into separate components. There is some data showing that the submission of the Report of Accident within two business days is important on its own.
- Subcommittee members asked whether there was any comparison done between Retro employers and COHE savings versus non Retro employers. Tom Wickizer answered that there was no additive or interactive effect between Retro employers' claim management and the COHE model.
- Labor asked if Tom was able to tell how many of the survey respondents were working for Retro employers. Tom answered that survey data did not make this distinction.
- A suggestion was made that the UW and L&I gather Employment Security Department data on employment and wages. Roy Plaeger-Brockway responded that L&I and UW will need to look into the feasibility of gathering and using Employment Security data.

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Wrap Up:

Gary Franklin presented some slides about the findings from the first phase of the Occupational Health Services project.

Discussion of Guiding Principles and Suggested Procedural Agreements:

The subcommittee reviewed and modified the original guiding principles. The caucuses will share the new language with their constituents so that final principles can be adopted at the next meeting.

The subcommittee began a discussion of the Revised Procedural Agreements. Some suggested changes are attached. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Discussion of interests for each of the three caucus groups was deferred until the next meeting.

Wrap-up and Schedule Future Meetings:

Subcommittee members agreed that the next meeting should occur in the next couple of months. Jeremy proposed that a meeting be scheduled if at least three of the four business or labor members could attend. The group agreed.

NEXT MEETING (Tentative)

June or July

L&I Service Location, Tukwila or Olympia