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Meeting Summary
Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee -Subcommittee on Health Care
July 25 2007

Participants:

Labor: Robby Stern, Ed Wood, and Owen Linch. (John Aslakson absent)
Business: Vickie Gore, Beverly Simmons, and Carolyn Logue. (Gerry Reilly absent)
BIIA: Tom Egan
L&I: Roy Plaeger-Brockway, and Bob Mootz. (Gary Franklin absent)

Resources and Guests:

Jeremy Sappington, Tom Wickizer, Deb Fulton-Kehoe, Pat Vincent, Ellen Hull, Dan Hansen, Pam Cromer, Tom Martin, Dianna Chamblin, Marti Bradley, Jordan Firestone, Dave Overby, Diana Drylie, Susan Campbell, Chuck Hitchings, Cherie Berthon, Kim Arakawa, Karen Ahrens, and Karen Gude

Introduction and Review of Minutes:

Roy Plaeger-Brockway welcomed the group and opened the meeting. Minutes from January 2007 were approved with one modification. Minutes from May 2007 were approved.

Definition of interests, issues and proposals:

Jeremy Sappington provided a handout describing the difference between interests, issues and proposals. He then asked each caucus to review their interests and develop final language.

Caucus time to work on interests:

Each caucus refined their interests based on the instructions provided by Jeremy.

Continue with collaborative process-open discussion of draft procedural agreements, etc.:

Interests: Each caucus presented their interests to the subcommittee. Some clarifying questions were asked. See attachment for updated interests and points that still need to be clarified.

There was a discussion of labor's interest in demonstrating improvement in long-term outcomes for injured workers in COHE. A labor member of the subcommittee stated that there are no compelling data yet on long-term outcomes. The labor caucus would like more data about long-term outcomes before discussing solutions.

Jeremy Sappington stated that long-term worker outcomes and data are a crux issue that could be addressed at the next meeting. During that meeting, we could 1) evaluate what data we have, 2) review what data we can get, 3) identify where the gaps are between what we can know and what we need to know, and 4) decide whether or how to fill the gaps. Labor offered to seek funding to support further research about long-term outcomes, if it is needed.

Procedural Agreements: One modification was made to the procedural agreements to reflect the role of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee.

Prior to the next meeting, each caucus will review the procedural agreements with their constituents. Discussion, and possibly approval, of the procedural agreements will be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

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OHS White Papers – topics and schedule:

Roy Plaeger-Brockway presented the following as possible topics for white papers.

- A. Implementing OHS Occupational Health Best Practices
- B. Optimal Incentives & Payment Methods
- C. The Role of the Health Services Coordinator
- D. Facilitating Use of Information Technology
- E. Summary Analysis of Essential and Transferable Elements

Possible questions to be answered in each white paper:

- What have we learned from the COHE that can be used to improve adoption of occupational health best practices and worker's health care?
- How do we apply these lessons learned?
- Are there other sources of expertise or information we should examine?
- How broadly was it adopted by COHE providers?
- Can and should this element be transferred?
- What is the business case (return on investment)?

A labor member commented that discussion of white papers is pre-mature. Roy answered that the white papers could act as templates to gather information on specific questions or issues. A business member asked that the white papers reflect the interests raised by business and labor. A labor member suggested that the white papers be postponed until interests and issues are finalized. A business member added that the subcommittee needs a defined timeline so that decisions can be made in a timely manner.

Additional Discussions:

A labor member asked how the process is developing in Harborview. Jordan Firestone responded that he is cautiously optimistic. Both Harborview and The Everett Clinic will provide an update at the next subcommittee meeting.

A labor member invited members of the subcommittee to visit the COHEs to see how they work.

Wrap-up and Schedule Future Meetings:

NEXT MEETING
Oct. 25, 2007, 1:00 -4:30 pm