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**Meeting Summary**  
**Worker's Compensation Advisory Committee -Subcommittee on Health Care**  
**March 31, 2008**

**Participants:**

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

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**Resources and Guests:**

Jeremy Sappington  
Terri Smith-Weller - UW  
Pat Vincent, Karen Nilson, Ellen Hull - Renton COHE  
Jerri Wood – Renton  
Dan Hansen - Ea. WA COHE  
Dianna Chamblin - Everett Clinic  
Jordan Firestone - Harborview  
Dave Overby, Diana Drylie, Susan Campbell, Lee Glass and Karen Ahrens – L&I

**Introduction and Review of Minutes:**

Gary Franklin welcomed the group and opened the meeting. Minutes from December 4, 2007 were approved.

**Review of 5 solutions developed by L&I team:**

L&I OHS team presented a package of 5 solutions. The following questions and comments were discussed.

Overall

- Labor said that the package needs to be taken to the WCAC parent committee. The role of the subcommittee also needs to be reviewed– does the package envision a different role than currently authorized by the parent committee? Diana Drylie offered to give a presentation to the parent committee on the package of five solutions with volunteers from Business and Labor.
- A business representative questioned why we need such a complex process to continue the COHEs or to make improvements at L&I.
- A labor representative added that there was an issue with the degree of oversight required by L&I. How would research be done? How would each solution meet all interests?
- Another labor representative asked whether this would create two pathways for quality improvement.
- A business representative asked for a different chart of solutions and interests. She asked whether the COHE role and L&I's role could be captured in this chart.
- Are the solutions drifting outside of the scope of the COHE project role to L&I's role instead? Prevention is an example.

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Solution #2 -

- Labor asked for examples of specific benchmarks and performance measures for any new quality indicator.
- A business representative asked if the current COHE doctors would want to continue if the COHEs are test sites with different quality indicators.
  - COHE staff responded that providers would welcome new quality indicators and incentives.
- Labor has some concern that it may be hard to come up with quality indicators to meet labor's two interests – better long-term outcomes for workers and prevention.
- Labor would like to see some possible examples of quality indicators that meet these two interests.
- Diana Drylie added that long-term outcomes for workers could be chosen as criteria for both solution 1 and solution 2. A business and labor representative would be on the committee to choose the criteria for statewide quality improvement and for new quality indicators.

Solution #3 –

- A business representative stated they needed clarification of how the existing COHE project and seeds would be wound up in order to implement the new package of solutions.
  - How will the existing process integrate into solution 3?
  - How will all providers (those in the current COHEs and any new ones) be integrated?
  - How will the package of solutions not make a more inefficient system overall?
  - What is the new vision for the subcommittee? Is the WCAC-HC role expanded?
- Another business representative added that the biggest question for them is solution 3.

The group agreed that L&I would provide more details for each solution at the next meeting. Business and labor asked for caucus time to meet together.

**Wrap-up and Schedule Future Meetings:**

NEXT MEETING

**June 20, 2008 – 9:00-12:00 noon, Tukwila**