
Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC)

Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022

Meeting occurred via Zoom

Members Present

Michael Dowling, DC (Vice Chair)
David Folweiler, DC (Chair)
Ron Wilcox, DC (Prior Chair)
Robert Baker, DC
Kelly Golob, DC
Wini Hamilton, DC
Aaron Jorgensen, DC
Michael Pettet, DC

Members Absent

Michael Covington, DC

Members of the Public

Josh Cobbley
Tricia Daniel
Jamie Hodge
Mark Guthrie
Bobbi Meins
David Kirk
Terry Moon
Sandra Lester

L&I Staff

Cortney Melton
Morgan Young
Shannon Pitts
Tiffany Meeks
Lyn McClendon
Kim Wallace
Suzyn Daniel
Marc Hobbs
Zach Gray
Molly Dutton
Jason Fodeman
Megan Lemon
Kandace Nance
Mary Kaempfe
Emily Stinson
Diana Drylie
Jennine Griffio
Sean Holloman
Janet Blume

Start time: 8:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions

IICAC Chair David Folweiler called the meeting to order.

Committee members reviewed final meeting minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting and voted to approve them. Members voted to approve the minutes.

Appointments were made by the Chair:

- PEO- Kelly Golob Chair
- PPQ- Mike Covington Chair
- ACHIEv- Full member – Michael Dowling, Alternate - Kelly Golob

CE Verification- contact Tiffany Meeks for information

Ron Wilcox & Robert Baker Farewell- Morgan Young

Morgan Young thanked both Ron Wilcox and Robert Baker for both their long years of servitude on the committees. They have both done amazing work during their time. Robert Mootz shared some gracious thoughts on how they have both served. Mike Dowling thanked Ron Wilcox for his work as Chair and the work he did for chiropractors. Ron gave a closing speech stating he was grateful in serving and appreciated the team effort. Kelly Golob thanked Ron Wilcox for his leadership and the work he has collaborated with. Kelly also thanked Robert Baker for his time.

Updates-Kim Wallace

L&I Reopening

Kim Wallace shared L&I's re-opening plans. The public will have access to enter buildings beginning March 15th. OMD staff are planning to re-enter and start hybrid work schedules beginning April 2022. For IICAC, this means that the April meeting will be virtual. There is a hope that the July meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

Legislative

Kim Wallace and Morgan Young spoke about legislative bill 5784 regarding allowing Psychologists as attending providers for mental health claims, primarily for people with PTSD. Another HB 1763, companion 5627, regarding IME's, allowing recording of exams has some mixed reactions. HB 2004, companion 5808, regarding interpreter services; requiring providers to pay for an interpreter. HB 1863 would allow prescribing medication authority for psychologists with certification. HB 1662 regarding physical therapists providing intramuscular needling- it would add to the scope of practice from physical therapists.

Provider Credentialing

Jennine Griffo- HSA is moving from paper based applications to the ProviderOne system. This will be a phased approach starting in July 2022 through September 2022. Jennine stated that it should be a seamless transition.

Telehealth Payment Policy-Megan Lemon

Megan gave a brief update regarding the policies for telehealth. The goal is to publish by end of first quarter of 2022. The worker may use their home for telehealth services. Impairment ratings and IMEs are on hold until July 2022. Patient to provider will be covered. Some caveats are obesity treatment and naturopathic, which have to be in person. Specific policies will be coming soon, including physical medicine, Brain, SIMP, and Mental Health.

Massage Therapy Update- Marc Hobbs

Marc gave a brief update for the massage therapy payment policy clarifying the requirements for prior authorization after the 6th visit and progress documentation requirements every 6 treatments or after each month, whichever is first. This policy is codifying the current practice methods.

New Provider Education & CME Platform- Suzyn Daniel and Morgan Young

Suzyn summarized the new LMS change and the tutorial was provided in the meeting materials. Morgan shared the online alternative requirements for Chiropractic consultants.

PEO/PPQ Updates- Robert Baker & Kelly Golob

PEO is starting work on the Documentation Resource to provide guidance consistent with the CMS and MARFS changes. The work on the PT/OT referral form is still being finalized.

PPQ is updating the shoulder process. There is approval for a subject matter expert.

ACHIEv- Michael Dowling

The prior ACHIEv meeting was reviewed. Morgan Wear had provided a great presentation on COHE at the last ACHIEv meeting, discussing that chiropractors and other small practice provider's ability to be a part of COHE.

COHE- Kim Wallace

Kim Wallace provided that the new vendors are being considered for COHE. RFP target date is Feb. 1, 2022.

Bree/HTCC- Morgan Young

- HTCC- Noninvasive cardiac imaging report had been finalized. Acupuncture is in draft.
- Bree- Opioid prescribing in adults, infection control, pediatric asthma, and Hep C.

Public Comments- David Folweiler

No public comment

Agenda Planning – David Folweiler & Morgan Young

Possible April Agenda topics:

- COHE responses update-future planning and vision
- Murray discussion
- Provider Recognition Program
- Work Rehab
- Workers Comp 101- Provider Education
- WA Health Alliance Low Back Pain Implementation Collaboration-presentation
- Healthy Worker program (July)
- Bylaws revision

Farewell

Several members of L&I have moved on. Recruitments are underway. We took a moment to recognize their contributions. Thank you: Vickie Kennedy, Ryan Guppy, Joel McCullough, Lyn McClendon, and Nikki D'urso.

End time: 10:28 PM