

Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee Meeting

Quarterly Meeting Minutes for [01/26/2023](#)

Prepared by: Molly Dutton, ONC

IIMAC Members Present

Jiho Bryson
Greg Carter
Andrew Friedman (Chair)
Laurie Gwerder
Monica Haines
Kirk Harmon (Vice-chair)
Chris Howe
Robert (Bob) Lang
Jean-Christophe (JC) Leveque
Louis Lim
Linda Seaman
Stephen Thielke
Patricia Waring

Athena Hightower- L&I

Aaron Hoffman- L&I

Karen Jost- L&I

Jason McGrew- L&I

Tiffany Meeks- L&I

Shauna Muendel- L&I

Ji Young Nam- L&I

Amy Nielsen- L&I

Victoria Rich- L&I

Maggie Sartain- L&I

Nancy Vandermark- L&I

Kim Wallace- L&I

Bob Waring- L&I

Morgan Young- L&I

IIMAC Members Absent

Mike Codsì

L&I Staff and Presenters

Susan Abolafya- L&I

Suzyn Daniel- L&I

Sheryl Divina- L&I

Diana Drylie- L&I

Molly Dutton- L&I

Azadeh Farokhi- L&I

Jason Fodeman- L&I

Gary Franklin- L&I

Noha Gindy- L&I

Lee Glass- L&I

Kirsta Glenn- L&I

Jennine Griffo- L&I

Tammy Havner- L&I

Wyndi Herrera- L&I

Public Commenters/Participants

Lloyd Brooks

Tricia Daniel- WSIA

David Folweiler- IICAC

Shari Fowler-Koorn- Comagine

Rachel Kaufman- MD, PhD

Bobbi Meins

Susan Ragen- AGO

Terri Smith-Weller- UW

Mike Todd- Smith & Nephew

Cameron Van Dyck

Mariko Yatsu- AGO

*Actions taken or requested

^^Decisions made

Welcome and Call to Order

*Call to order at 1:00 pm

^^Quorum present

What's New About Hybrid (Molly Dutton)

Orientation for optimizing a virtual/hybrid experience.

Introductions (Andrew Friedman, Molly Dutton)

Approve Minutes (Andrew Friedman) From 10/20/2022

*First motion: Bob Lang

*Second motion: Jiho Bryson

^^No opposed/all approved

Safety Tip (Andrew Friedman)

Prevention tips for slips, falls and other accidents.

ACHIEv Summary (Kim Wallace)

Highlights reviewed. Please see formal minutes for more detail.

Washington Health Alliance- Low Back Pain (Andrew Friedman, Morgan Young)

Overview of low back pain (LBP) resources was developed for targeted audiences. The audience/care systems targeted will be expanded and stakeholder feedback will be received. Psychosocial Determinates that Influence Recovery (PDIR) guideline was briefly reviewed and encouraged to foster LBP healing. At L&I, innovations in leadership led to the development of a chiropractic Associate Medical Director (AMD) about 30 years ago. There is now active recruitment for a psychologist AMD position.

Geographic disparities in LBP care reveals a discrepancy in the access of first-, second- and third-line treatment recommendations. Access to care and insurance coverage is likely a factor.

Comments and ideas for improvement were solicited and received.

Provider Recognition Program (PRP) (Noha Gindy, Athena Hightower)

The Provider Recognition Program (PRP) pilot has had fewer provider applications than had been hoped. Possible next steps with the program were reviewed in detail and feedback was received. The program staff will analyze lessons learned and update the committee when decisions are made.

Washington & Ohio Worker (WOW) Study (Deb Fulton-Kehoe)

The WOW study has compared opioid use and prescribing for injured workers in WA versus OH. Unsafe opioid prescribing and patient centered outcomes were analyzed. Use of Worker's Compensation and PDMP data could be compared to each other, particularly in light of varying policies in each state.

Findings indicate L&I policies drove a lot of the WA State trends. In OH, the government task force was the bigger influence. Data will continue to be analyzed to further guide patient-centered treatment recommendations.

Medical Treatment Guidelines: Minor Updates, Link Fixes, and Visual Changes (Molly Dutton)

Medical treatment guideline (MTG) documents were updated to have a uniform template, to meet visual accessibility standards, and to fix broken URLs. High-level literature review was done to ensure no new studies have been released that would affect the MTG recommendations; all are up to date. An internal workgroup will be convened to do a more in-depth review and determine if any substantive updates are needed.

Changes to Conflict of Interest Process (Molly Dutton)

Conflict of Interest (COI) forms will be due for all members July of each year. COIs will be distributed at the April quarterly meeting and effective the ensuing July.

Updates:

- Legislative (Karen Jost)
 - HB 1197 / SB 5310: Defining attending provider and clarifying other provider functions for workers' compensation claims, and adding psychologists as attending providers for mental health only claims
 - HSB 5454: Concerning industrial insurance coverage for posttraumatic stress disorders affecting registered nurses
 - HB 1068 / SB 5212: Concerning injured workers' rights during compelled medical examinations
 - SB 5335: Developing the Washington Health Trust
- HTCC (Gary Franklin)

There are three current topics under review: transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) re-review, re-review for platelet rich plasma for knees/joints, spinal cord stimulation.
- 2022 CDC Opioid Guidelines (Gary Franklin)

CDC came out with new opioid guidelines in 2022. They updated the evidence review and new recommendations using non-pharmacological therapy. DOH may be pressured to loosen guidelines from the CDC.

ACHIEv Alternate (Andrew Friedman)

ACHIEv is in need of an IIMAC alternate. Andrew Friedman nominated Laurie Gwerder. No other nominations were voiced.

- *First motion: Andrew Friedman
- *Second motion: Monica Haines
- ^^No opposed/all approved

Public Comments

None

Agenda and Meeting Planning Location for 4/27/2023 (Andrew Friedman)

Suggestion made: Possible idea in-depth presentation on the CDC opioid changes, likely presented by Gary Franklin.

Meeting adjourned at [4:33 pm](#)