



**Medical Services Review Board
July 16, 2009
minutes**

Members present

Philip Bachman, M.D.
Beth Baker, M.D.
Barbara Baum, MS PT
Jeffrey Bonsell, D.C.
Glenda Cartney
Barbara Gibson, M.D.
Andrea Trimble Hart
Rose Hatmaker
Reed Pollack
Elizabeth Shogren, R.N.

Members excused

Michael Goertz, M.D.
Kathi Hendrickson, R.N.
Gregory Hynan, D.C.
John Kipp, M.D.
Robin Peterson, PT
Andrew Schmidt, M.D.
Jon Talsness, M.D.

Staff members present

Kate Berger
William Lohman, M.D.
Patricia Todd
Lisa Wichterman
Jana Williams

Visitors present

Charles Burhan, Liberty Mutual
Natalie Haefner, WCRA
Jen Kane, MAPS Clinics
Heather Keenan, MAPS Clinics
David C. Wulff, MNAJ

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beth Baker at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Members and staff members introduced themselves.

Approval of the Feb. 12, 2009 minutes

Elizabeth Shogren made a motion to approve the Feb. 12, 2009 minutes as presented. Barbara Baum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, passed unanimously.

Assistant commissioner's update

Patricia Todd reviewed the statutory changes that passed this past legislative session. Some items included in the legislation were: updates to the categories of representatives for the MSRB, telephonic meetings, electronic billing transactions, electronic data retention and reporting upon DLI request, and IMEs cannot be done in motel rooms.

Status of proposed rules

Dr. Lohman gave an update about the status of the SONAR about the narcotics treatment parameters and PPD schedule. SONARs were sent to the governor's office and we are now waiting for approval. He gave an update about other rules the department is working on and discussed the process of public comments and hearings for rules. He showed members how to follow the rulemaking process on DLI's Web site.

Telephonic meetings

Telephonic meetings were discussed, such as Web-ex, and the etiquette for Web-based meetings. The MSRB may change meeting time – will poll members asking their preference of meeting times (in two-hour increments) and gather information to see what time will work best.

Intrathecal pumps

Dr. Lohman reviewed the draft study, drugs being administered, effectiveness and cost analysis. The MSRB will review the study and the articles in the study before final vote is taken. This parameter would require a trial period, limit medication that can be administered and for what diagnosis, and if device stops working/being effective device should be removed.

Prioritize work for future meetings

- Obtain and review costs and utilization of medical treatment
- Will be able to review/compare injury and treatment
- Spinal injections
- Traction units
- New technology
- What disputes generate medical requests

*Look at injections first, epidurals, facet and then reconvene

Motion to adjourn by Philip Bachman and seconded by Andrea Trimble-Hart. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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