

Rehabilitation Review Panel
April 2, 2015
Meeting minutes

RRP members present

Duane Butorac
Carl Crimmins
Dr. Russell Gelfman
Steve Hollander
Laura Jerde
Dr. Stephen Jobe
Meg Kasting (telephone)
Carol Norris
Alissa O'Hara
Scott Parker
Bobbi Pearson
Lisa Weed
Mary Wells (telephone)

Voting members excused

Dr. Richard Hills

Visitors/DLI staff members present

Chris Leifeld, Deputy Commissioner
Sonya Herr, Executive Secretary
Mike Hill, Business Liaison
Sandy Barnes
Mark McCrea
Lee Keller
Brian Zaidman

Nonvoting members excused

William Martin

Call to order

Chairman Duane Butorac called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was met.

Approval of minutes

Carol Norris moved to approve the Jan. 22, 2015, meeting minutes as presented. Bobbi Pearson seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

Carl Crimmins moved to approve the April 2 meeting agenda as presented, Laura Jerde seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Assistant commissioner's update

- Newly appointed panel members were introduced: Stephen Jobe, chiropractic representative; and Scott Parker, representing labor. Richard Hills, health care provider representative, was not present.
- The 2015 Workers' Compensation Summit will have 16 breakout sessions and is scheduled June 17 and 18 at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd, Minnesota. One of the keynote speakers will be Dick Beardsley, a marathon runner and inspirational speaker.
- Legislation regarding electronic fund transactions was approved by the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council in March 2015 and is now being reviewed in the Legislature. The bill addresses electronic billing and payment transactions. The legislation would require payers to provide electronic funds transfer of injured workers'

monetary benefits to their financial institutions, if requested by the injured worker. It also gives the department authority to assess a monetary penalty for noncompliance.

Rehabilitation-related

Breakdown of vocational rehabilitation service costs

Brian Zaidman showed a PowerPoint presentation discussing the breakdown of vocational rehabilitation service costs from plans closed in 2012 and 2013. The results of the breakdown are affected by how service costs are coded (i.e. lumping several individual services under one category versus more accurately listing them separately). Future data collections will help to determine areas that may benefit from improvements in coding service costs.

Alternative Dispute Resolution services

Lee Keller gave a presentation about Alternative Dispute Resolution's (ADR's) services provided by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. The ADR unit advises and assists all parties in workers' compensation matters in an effort to settle issues quickly and cooperatively. Services include certification of disputes, administrative conferences, mediation and answering stakeholder questions through calls to the workers' compensation hotline at 1-800-342-5354.

Other business

Agenda items for next meeting

- Minnesota Association of Rehabilitation Providers (MARP) presentation

Contact Butorac and business liaison Mike Hill with agenda items for the meeting.

Adjournment

Parker moved to adjourn the meeting and Jobe seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next tentative meeting dates: July 23, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m.; Oct. 1, 2015; Jan. 7, 2016.