

Minutes
Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation
Teleconference Meeting
March 13, 2015

LMAC members present: Bob Worthington, Don Judge, Bill Dahlgren, Doug Buman, Kevin Braun, Lance Zanto, Al Smith, Marv Jordon and Chris Cavazos

Core Team members present: Diana Ferriter, Mark Cadwallader, and Anne Wolfinger

Others present: Nancy Butler

In the absence of Lt. Governor Angela McLean, Bob Worthington chaired the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all outstanding minutes.

Review of current bills:

HB 90: Is now on the House Floor with a minor amendment sick leave time off not qualifying to be paid at the same time as TTD benefits.

HB 413: Failed in the House.

SB 259: Is in the Senate Finance and Claims and will be heard this week. Discussion involved the change from 5% to 4%. Don Judge moved to accept the amendment at 4% which was seconded by Al Smith and passed unanimously. A second amendment applies to the State Fund and payment from the General Fund. Discussion involved the State Fund's legality to current policyholders and how the amendment will affect the Department. Al motioned to oppose the amendment which was seconded by Don and passed unanimously. Lt. Governor McLean concurred with both motions following the meeting. LMAC will stay on record to support the original bill with the 4% amendment

Monitoring Bills

SB 123: Hearing in the House Business and Labor Committee on March 24, 2015.

SB 258: Heard in the House Business and Labor with no executive action taken.

New Bills:

HB 538: Provide extraterritoriality option for workers' compensation. Diana advised the Department is helping to draft something that will work. LMAC concurred they cannot take a position until all amendments are known.

SB 347: Revising worker compensation coverage options for emergency medical units. Don Judge made a motion to support which was seconded and passed.

SB 379: Revise Workers Compensation Laws Related To Administrative Expenses. LMAC agreed to monitor.

DB 398: Revise workers' compensation dividend payment laws. LMAC agreed to monitor.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.