

Minutes
Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation
Teleconference Meeting
March 27, 2015

LMAC members present: Lt. Governor Angela McLean, Bob Worthington, Don Judge, Bill Dahlgren, Kevin Braun, Lance Zanto, Al Smith, Marv Jordon, and Jim Larson. Annette Hoffman gave her proxy to Bob Worthington; Chris Cavazos gave his proxy to Al Smith and Doug Buman gave his proxy to Don Judge.

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

Others present: Nancy Butler, Karen Wiles

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

Review of current bills:

SB 259: was heard in the House Business and Labor Committee. There were all proponents and no opponents. It is not known who will carry the bill. Discussion involved two amendments as an alternative to Senator Keene's amendment which may cause a legal challenge; paid losses; and a General Fund assessment. Diana will inform LMAC who will carry the bill and of executive action.

HB 538: Diana emailed the latest amendment and a new section. Private carriers are concerned with effect on other states; therefore, it was amended to specifically deal with North Dakota. Mark Cadwallader advised regarding the legality of a specific statute as opposed to a general statute when a general statute can apply. The bill has passed the House in the original form. If it passes in the Senate with the amendments, it will go back to the House.

Diana review the status of the remaining bills the LMAC is tracking.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned.