Industrial Commission's Advisory Committee On Workers' Compensation Minutes February 7, 2024

Members Present

Members Absent

Dave Anderson

Randie Fischer

James Arnold

Ex-Officio: Senator Kevin Cook

Brad Cederblom

Dr. Paul Collins

Andrew Marcham

Shellie Martin

Joe Maloney

Matt Pappas
Darin Monroe

Stephanie Butler

Mark Peterson, Chairman

Shellie Martin

Mike Shuey Brian Whitlock **Industrial Commission**

Thomas Limbaugh, Chairman Claire Sharp, Commissioner Aaron White, Commissioner

George Gutierrez, Director

Kamerron Slay, Commission Secretary

Opening Remarks and Introductions:

Mark Peterson led the meeting and opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Peterson reminded attendees to sign in. Mr. Peterson next requested introductions of Committee members and public attendees.

Minutes of November 8, 2023:

The minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting were presented for review and approval. Upon the motion of Dave Anderson, seconded by Andrew Marcham, the minutes of November 8, 2023, were approved. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Industrial Commission Report:

<u>Introduction</u>. Commissioner Sharp summarized her professional background and experience. Commissioner Sharp indicated this was her first full week in the position and she was excited to get started.

2024 Legislation:

<u>Pending Rules- CVCP.</u> Commissioner Limbaugh summarized the current legislative session. Commissioner Limbaugh indicated the Commission was working on the pending Crime Victims Compensation Program Rules (CVCP). Commissioner Limbaugh indicated the pending rule had passed both committees but a section about medical fees was rejected by both sides.

Notice of Hearing Legislation. Commissioner Limbaugh summarized the Notice of Hearing Legislation. Mr. Arnold inquired if the Commission thought this legislation would get through both committees. Commissioner Limbaugh indicated there were concerns about pro-se claimants that were addressed with the bill sponsor.

WC ZBR Update. Ms. Slay provided an update on the workers' compensation zero-based regulation (WC ZBR) rule rewrite. Ms. Slay indicated the next meeting would be on May 8th during the Advisory Committee meeting, focusing on IDAPA 17.01.01.401-.602. Ms. Slay indicated that as the Commission had recently finished CVCP rules last week and onboarded the new Commissioner this week; the Commission would have the dates for negotiated rulemaking finalized soon.

IRIS Modernization Update. Mr. Linnarz provided an update to the Advisory Committee on the IRIS Modernization project. Mr. Linnarz indicated the Adjudication module would be going live next Monday, which is the initial application to allow electronic tracking of cases. Mr. Linnarz indicated work would be ramping up on the Adjudication and Settlement portals. Mr. Linnarz indicated work was starting on the Rehab and CVCP modules. Mr. Linnarz indicated the projected completion date was Fall 2024. Mr. Linnarz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Break 15 Minutes

Other Issues:

<u>ISIF 2023 Annual Report.</u> Ms. Doumani summarized the ISIF report. Ms. Doumani indicated ISIF was recovering post-pandemic and there had been a bump in notice of intent filings.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Darin Monroe suggested meeting before the May meeting to discuss language on the statutory co-employer issue.

Mr. Peterson reminded the Committee of the next meeting date and indicated the meeting would be in the Les Bois room.

Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Darin Monroe moved to end the meeting, seconded by Andrew Marcham. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.