

Meeting minutes: Medical Services Review Board

Date: Jan. 18, 2018

Prepared by: Anita Hess

Location: Department of Labor and Industry's Minnesota Room

Attendance

Members present

Beth Baker, chairwoman
Russell Gelfman, vice chairman
Buck McAlpin
Hans Thurmer
Reed Pollack
Darla Coss
Dr. Kuzel (phone)
Erica Kuhlman (phone)

Alternates present

Lisa Hanselman
Kimberly Olson
Natalie Haefner

Members absent

Robert Long
Matthew Monsein
Sadie Altringer
Jeffrey Bonsell
Robin Peterson
Elizabeth Alm
Laura Breeher
Margaret Spartz
Dan Wolfe

Visitors present

Ceil Jung, SFM
Taya Moxley-Goldsmith

Staff members present

Kate Berger
Anita Hess
Jon Brothen
Ernest Lampe
Ethan Landy
Chris Leifeld
Ann Tart
Lisa Wichterman
Laura Zajac

Call to order

The meeting of the Medical Services Review Board (MSRB) was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Beth Baker. Attendance was taken. We have a quorum; checking for phone calls, there were none. A short time later Erica Kuhlman came in on the phone and Dr. Kuzel introduced himself on the phone around 5 p.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the Oct. 12, 2017, minutes was made by Russel Gelfman and seconded by Buck McAlpin. The board voted all in favor. The motion carried.

Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Gelfman and seconded by Hans Thurmer. All in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements and update: Chris Leifeld

If there are any safety concerns, please let us know.

Regarding legislative issues, there are three things to note. First, the DRG report on the inpatient payment system for hospital care was released and is available on our website.

Second, the advisory council has approved legislation allowing for the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals to have retired judges serve on a panel.

Third, as you know, the council has considered legislative proposals regarding changes to the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) statute. Language the council has discussed includes having a presumption for first responders and requiring the department to establish treatment guidelines for the disorder. The council is expected to take the issue up again at a future meeting.

Business: Data Practices Office – Taya Moxley-Goldsmith

Taya Moxley-Goldsmith presented an open meeting law overview. She reviewed the types of meetings subject to the open meeting law, when a meeting may be closed, the required notice of meetings and options for telephone participation.

Business: Dr. Ernest Lampe

Opioid treatment parameters: Dr. Ernest Lampe reviewed the opioid comparison chart. There was much discussion about limiting the amount of medication given to a patient. Essentia Health and Mayo have software that, for a fee, tracks all the medications a patient is on.

Injection treatment parameters: Baker and Natalie Haefner submitted proposed changes to the draft parameters. Baker introduced Gelfman's handout, the "IPM Guidelines" from the Pain Physician Journal, which has information about evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for interventional techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of chronic spinal pain.

The board discussed whether there is medical consensus about the number of injections, how "improvement" and "positive response" are measured, how well injections work and under what circumstances, when repeat injections are appropriate, how injections fit into long-term management and other treatment parameters, and what the goal of the treatment parameters should be.

The board agreed to form a work group to discuss revising the injection parameters. Baker, Gelfman, Haefner and Kim Olson volunteered to be in this group. Gelfman would like to know exactly what they would be assigned. Anita Hess will email the board members who are not in attendance about this opportunity. The board requested the Department of Labor and Industry provide relevant published Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals decisions.

Adjournment: Baker and board

Gelfman moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Haefner. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

2018 meeting dates: April 19, July 19 and Oct. 4.

Agenda for next meeting: Therapeutic injections