

Agenda: Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Location: In person in DLI's Minnesota Room and via Webex

Panelist (panel member, alternates, and speakers): Registration is not required; **join from your panelist invitation**. To ensure your ability to connect, attempt to login at least five minutes before the start of the meeting. If you are unable to connect, email host Katrina Namad at katrina.namad@state.mn.us for assistance.

Attendees (interested parties):

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- to join by phone, call 415-655-0003 or 855-282-6330 and enter access code **2493 152 7044**.

Call to order and roll call – Co-chairs Gary Westman and Lee Ingrassia

- Roll call by Katrina Namad

Remote meeting statement

Thank you for joining this meeting in person or via Webex.

- Everyone who is present on the Webex event can hear all discussions.
- All votes will be taken by roll call.
- All handouts discussed and Webex instructions are posted on the [WCITF webpage](#).

Participant functions – raise your hand before speaking

- If you would like to speak, click "Participants" and then click the hand icon; click it again to remove the signal.

DLI staff members, panel members and presenters (panelists) if via Webex

- All participants can mute and unmute their microphones.
- If you wish to speak, click the hand icon. If the host or chairperson calls on you, unmute yourself and state your name before speaking. Note the use of headphones may impact your microphone.

Members of the public (attendees)

- All stakeholders can hear everything but can speak **only** if public input is requested or during an open forum, at which time the host will unmute your microphone.

Assistant Commissioner Jessica Stimac update

- DLI updates
- Workers' Compensation Advisory Council
- Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) Workers' Compensation Summit

Agenda items

1. Management changes in:
 - a. Compliance, Records and Training (CRT) – Ralph Hapness's retirement
 - b. Special Compensation Fund (SCF) – Caroline Terrio, new supervisor
2. Update from Business Technology Office (BTO) – Michelle Doheny
3. Coming new training modules – denials of primary liability; waiting period and AWW/WCR calculations; and PPD permanency
4. Update from Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – Brian Mak
5. Update about the Rehabilitation Review Panel and Medical Services Review Board – Chris Leifeld
6. Future agenda items for discussion – co-chairs and task force members

Next meeting date

The next meeting is May 15, 2024.

If you have questions, email Chris Leifeld at christopher.leifeld@state.mn.us.

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