

**Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force**  
**Nov. 4, 2009**  
**minutes**

**Members present**

Dave Clark for Dennis Ballinger, Western Nat'l  
Charlie Bierman, Mayo  
Karen Clayton Ebert, MCIT  
Robert Farber, BRAC  
Bob Johnson, Insurance Federation of MN  
Meg Kasting, SFM  
Claire McCoy, GAB Robins  
Rob Rangel, Broadspire  
Dave Oertli, Sedgwick  
Cristy McCoy for Laurie Simonsen, Travelers  
Tim Wiering for Cindy Van Eyll, General Casualty  
Gary Westman, MN Dept of Administration  
Jerry Walthour, City of Minneapolis

**Members excused**

Mary Abraham, Westfield Ins.  
Bruce Baker, Liberty Mutual  
Jodie Connor, Wausau  
Susan Pilon, RTW

**Staff members present**

Ralph Hapness  
Julie Klejewski  
Patricia Todd  
Lisa Wichterman  
Jana Williams  
Brian Zaidman

**Visitors present**

Ken Peterson, Fair Pay Solutions

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson Rob Rangel. Members and visitors introduced themselves. The agenda was accepted as presented.

**4) Assistant commissioner updates**

*Legislative update*

Assistant Commissioner Patricia Todd reported the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council was scheduled to meet the end of November – at which time they will begin discussing whether any legislative changes will be brought forth for the next session.

*Electronic submission of bills/electronic receipt of payment*

There was discussion regarding challenges and issues the industry is experiencing with electronic transmission of bills, electronic receipt of payment and issues with the clearinghouses. Todd reported the department has developed a bulletin that will be going out this month to all insurers and all health care providers reminding them what the criteria is, what the regulation is, as well as what the different roles are. Todd stated if anyone is having problems and would like the department to help resolve them, contact Lisa Wichterman at [lisa.wichterman@state.mn.us](mailto:lisa.wichterman@state.mn.us) or (651) 284-5173.

Todd also reported the IAIABC is potentially looking into having a meeting in Minnesota regarding electronic billing.

It was suggested, that possibly at a future meeting, to have someone come in to make a presentation.

### 5) New business

- Overview of workplace safety report – 2007

Rangel introduced Brian Zaidman, who works in the Policy Development, Research and Statistics unit at DLI. Zaidman gave a PowerPoint presentation about the *Workplace Safety Report, 2007*. This annual report gives information about Minnesota's job-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Data sources for the injuries, illnesses and fatalities are the *Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses* and the *Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries*, both conducted jointly by DLI and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The full report, as well as archived editions, are available online at [www.dli.mn.gov/RS/WorkplaceSafety.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/RS/WorkplaceSafety.asp).

### 6) Future agenda items

- March 17, 2010
  - Industry implementation of electronic billing transactions
  - Industry implementation of the worker identification (WID) number
- May 19, 2010
  - Medical payments from outstate insurers

### 7) Reports/meeting schedule

- The August 2009 edition of *COMPACT* and past editions are available online at [www.dli.mn.gov/WC/Compact.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WC/Compact.asp).
- The WCITF meeting schedule, agenda and minutes are available online at [www.dli.mn.gov/wcitif.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/wcitif.asp).

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Klejewski*

Executive Secretary