

Meeting minutes: Medical Services Review Board

Date: April 19, 2018

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Meeting location: Department of Labor and Industry's Minnesota Room

Attendance

Members present

Beth Baker, chairwoman
Russell Gelfman, vice chairman
Jeffrey Bonsell
Hans Thurmer
Reed Pollack
Matthew Monsein
Erica Kuhlman (phone)
Elisha Harris
Joseph J. Schulte

Members absent

Buck McAlpin
Bradley Kuzel
Darla Coss
Margaret Spartz
Dan Wolfe

Alternates present

Elizabeth Alm
Robin Peterson
Kimberly Olson
Natalie Haefner
Daniel Piper

Alternates absent

Laura Breeher
Lisa Hanselman

Staff members present

Kate Berger
Anita Hess
Ernest Lampe

Chris Leifeld
Ann Tart

Visitors present

Mike Strong, SFM
Todd Ginkel, PDR
Ceil Jung, SFM

Call to order

The meeting of the Medical Services Review Board (MSRB) was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Beth Baker. We have a quorum. Introductions were made. Dr. Erica Kuhlman is the phone.

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the Jan. 18, 2018, minutes was made by Dr. Jeff Bonsell and seconded by Dr. Hans Thurmer. The board voted all in favor. The motion carried.

Approval of agenda

Baker wanted to add a discussion about the Department of Human Services (DHS) opioid guidelines. She asked if MSRB wants to revise and update some of the guidelines into its recommendations.

A motion to approve, with the addition, was made by Bonsell and second by Dr. Elizabeth Alm. The motion carried.

Announcements and update: Chris Leifeld

There were no safety concerns.

Legislative report: Deputy Commissioner Chris Leifeld reviewed the H.F. 3873 Workers' Compensation Advisory Council recommendations bill summary. This group is made up of equal members of labor and business.

Section one amends the salaries of judges of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA).

Section two would allow the WCCA to assign a retired workers' compensation judge to hear any case to ensure there is a quorum.

Section three governs who has access to the workers' compensation reports of injury filed with the Department of Labor and Industry. This will allow for electronic signatures.

Section four deals with the Office of Administrative Hearings case management system and the workers' compensation imaging (filing) system. Data privacy protects employees' identifying information. This bill is currently on the floor.

The PTSD for first responders issue was discussed in the past five advisory council meetings. The council will be looking to MSRB to create treatment parameters at some point.

Business: Dr. Ernest Lampe

There was discussion about creating and setting goals for a work group covering back injections. DLI Office of General Counsel attorney Kate Berger explained MSRB's rules require the work group to consist of less than a quorum of voting members. The work group then would make recommendations to the full board. The work group must follow open meeting laws. The work group could invite expert practitioners to its meetings. The workers' compensation law requires the treatment parameters to be based on accepted medical standards for quality health care, such as evidence-based standards.

Baker, Dr. Russell Gelfman and Dr. Matthew Monsein volunteered as work group members. They will review the interventional pain management guidelines previously provided to MSRB by Gelfman, Natalie Haefner's suggestions and the draft rule from Baker. The work group will begin with back injections, try to resolve issues highlighted on the last draft of the treatment parameters and identify issues for further discussion or clarification.

A motion to create a work group to discuss back injections was made by Gelfman, seconded by Baker. This was approved.

Business: Baker

Baker asked if we want to consider making any changes to the opioid treatment parameters based on recent data in the DHS recommendations. The board decided to wait to see what the Legislature does. The board will concentrate on the injection parameters.

Adjournment: Baker and board

Gelfman moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Bonsell. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: July 19, 2018

Agenda for next meeting: Therapeutic injections