

Minutes
Labor-Management Advisory Council Telephone Conference
January 6, 2016

Advisory Council and Subcommittee members present:

Lt. Governor Mike Cooney
Eric Strauss, ERD Administer
Jason Swant, Project Manager
Mark Cadwallader, Legal Counsel Department of Labor and Industry
Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund
Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association
Don Judge, Injured Workers Resource Council
Nicole Thuotte, Montana Public Employee Association
Jackie Lenmark, Private Insurance Companies

Advisory Council and Subcommittee members via telephone

Larry Jones, Montana Self-Insureds Association
Lance Zanto, Workers' Compensation Management Bureau
Bill Dahlgren, Sun Mountain Sports
Doug Buman, Laborers' International Union of North America
Jean Branscom, Montana Medical Association

Others Present via telephone:

Peter Van Nice, Regulations Bureau Chief
Adrian McLean, Administrative Specialist, Plan 1 ERD
Bill Wheeler Claims Assistance Unit Bureau Chief
Dick Martin, attorney with FairClaim

II. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

The minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

HB 160 LC 959 Assign warranty responsibility to registered contractor for work under contract

Does not pertain to LMAC

Bills to be monitored:

SB 72 LC52 Create presumptive illness for firefighters. Gives rule making authority to the Department and sets up separate payment method from past bills.

LC 460 Create presumptive illness under workers' compensation for firefighters. This bill would have a partial diversion of the existing tax on fire insurance premiums.

LC 376 Disallowing workers' compensation benefits for certain false statements

LC 1263 Prohibit certain subrogation in workers' compensation

LC 1264 Eliminate workers' compensation evidentiary presumption regarding physicians

LC 1265 Generally revise work comp laws.

LC 1266 Revise workers' compensation laws pertaining to release of information

LC 1267 Revise workers' compensation to allow termination of payments due to fraud.

Bills supported by LMAC

LC 223 Create offense related to assault on healthcare and emergency providers

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Next Steps

In the next meeting, discussion will include guidelines for quorums and proxies and future rules for LMAC

The meeting was adjourned