

**Industrial Commission’s Advisory Committee
On Workers’ Compensation
Minutes
August 14, 2024**

Members Present

Dave Anderson
Stephanie Butler
Joe Maloney
Matt Pappas
Darin Monroe
Mark Peterson, Chairman
Brian Whitlock
Ex-Officio: Senator Kevin Cook
Ex-Officio: Rep. James Holtzclaw

Members Absent

Andrew Marcham
Shellie Martin
Brad Cederblom
James Arnold

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Claire Sharp, Commissioner
George Gutierrez, Director
Kamerron Slay, Commission Secretary

Opening Remarks and Introductions:

Mark Peterson led the meeting and opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Peterson reminded attendees to sign in. Mr. Peterson next requested introductions of Committee members and public attendees.

Minutes of February 8, 2024:

The minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting were presented for review and approval. Upon the motion of Joe Maloney, seconded by Dave Anderson, the minutes of February 8, 2024, were approved. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Subcommittee Report:

Burial Expenses. Ms. Vaughn summarized the subcommittee meeting. Ms. Vaughn indicated that Idaho was in the 20th percentile for burial expenses. Ms. Vaughn explained the three components of the proposed burial expense legislation discussed among the subcommittee: removal of the geographic location, increase of the cap to \$10,000, and clarifying transportation. Ms. Vaughn indicated the next step was finding a legislative sponsor.

Public Comment: Barbra Jordan asked inquired about the geographic limitations of the US and Canada. Ms. Vaughn indicated looking at the historical data, the original language laws drafted before farm workers were covered by workers compensation.

Audit Penalties. Matt Pappas summarized the subcommittee meeting on audit penalties. Mr. Pappas indicated there had been some inquires around waiving the out of state check writing waiver. Mr. Pappas indicated the consensus was adding audit penalties added another level of government involvement. Mr. Pappas indicated it was a good discussion and for this point things would remain status quo.

Industrial Commission Report:

IRIS Update. Ryan Linnarz provided the Committee with an update on the IRIS modernization project. Mr. Linnarz indicated the Rehab module recently went live successfully. Mr. Linnarz indicated there would be a stakeholder meeting sometime in August to give a preview of the portal, navigating the portal, and potential feedback. Mr. Linnarz indicated the CVCP module should be going live by the end of the year.

Mr. Linnarz provided an update on IRIS 2.0. Mr. Linnarz indicated after becoming more familiar with the functionality in IRIS 1.0, the Commission asked the Legislature for additional funding to increase functionality and enhancements. Mr. Linnarz indicated IRIS 2.0 should be completed by the end of 2025.

2025 Proposed Legislation. Director Gutierrez summarized the Commission's 2025 proposed legislation: Notice of Hearing, Burial Expenses, Members of an LLC, and Members of an Employer's Family. Director Gutierrez indicated that all 4 ideas had been approved by the Governor's Office.

Public Comment: Barbara Jordan inquired why Notice of Hearing hadn't been successful last year. Director Guterrez indicated that the bill had made it out of the Senate but hadn't made it to the House before the session ended.

Public Comment: Barbara Jordan inquired about the definition of a "natural person" regarding the members of an employer's family legislation. Commissioner Sharp indicated it meant a human not a corporation.

Workers' Compensation ZBR Proposed Rulemaking. Commissioner Sharp summarized the workers' compensation ZBR thus far. Commission Sharp indicated since November 2023 the Commission had held 5 meetings simultaneously held in 6 locations with a virtual component, and 5 different draft languages based on feedback received. Commissioner Sharp indicated the commission had received over 20 written comments and over 200 pages of transcripts. Commissioner Sharp indicated the Commission as considering all comments received and indicated there had been several areas of interest: check writing waivers, electronic payments, and the medical fee schedule. Commissioner Sharp indicated the internal deadline to finalize the language was August 28th. Commissioner Sharp indicated public hearing on the proposed rules would be October 7th and October 24th.

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ISIF Annual Report. Kim Doumani summarized the ISIF's annual report. Ms. Doumani indicated if there were any questions on the report to email her.

Election of Advisory Committee Members. Mr. Peterson indicated the following terms were up for election: 1 worker representative, 1 employer representative, 1 insurance representative, 1 hospital representative, and Chairman. Additionally, Mr. Peterson indicated an employer representative, and a physician representative were recently vacated. Mr. Peterson indicated if anyone had an interested in the positions to reach out to Ms. Slay.

Preparations for Next Meeting:

Mr. Peterson reminded the Committee of the next meeting date and indicated the meeting would be in the Coral room.

Next Meeting Date: November 13, 2024