

## Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

Friday, November 18, 2016  
Room 302 - LOB – 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Ms. Margaret Crouch, Chair; Mr. William McQuillen, Vice Chair; Ms. Sally MacFadden; Ms. Eileen Bernard; Representative Brian Seaworth; Ms. C.J. Stone; Ms. Merideth Schwab; Mr. Rudolph Ogden

**Absent:** Dr. Douglas Goumas; Senator Gary Daniels;

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Crouch at 9:03 a.m.

**Review & Action on September 9, 2016 Minutes** – The minutes were reviewed by the Council.

Ms. Crouch motioned to accept the Minutes of the September 9, 2016 meeting and Ms. Bernard seconded. *The motion was passed unanimously.*

### Managed Care

Injury Management Facilitator – Nothing to report.

### ~Malfunction with the recorder~

### Department Updates

Insurance— Ms. MacFadden stated the NCCI workers' compensation rate was approved. The Voluntary Loss Costs is -9%. All other rates will go into effect January 1, 2017. In the premium report New Hampshire fell from 12 to 17; number 1 is California; Massachusetts is number 44 and Main is number 14.

Otherwise Ms. MacFadden stated business is as usual.

Labor— Mr. Ogden state business is as usual at the Department and the hearing on § 24-A did not go forward.

Legislature—Representative Seaworth stated that the House Labor Committee met to discuss interim bills. There were two for workers compensation. The bill to exempt farms was unanimously decided to not move forward.

The Definition of Employee is going to continue to be worked on.

Ms. MacFadden stated that on SB409 – soft tissue – their recommending to legislation to expand soft tissue to include internal organs and expand permanent impairment awards. Representative Seaworth stated he would coordinate on how to go about this bill.

**Old Business –**

Managed Care Lab Rules – Chapter Lab 700

Discussed at the October 20<sup>th</sup> JLCAR meeting and they were approved. We are just waiting for them to be finalized and posted on the website.

Managed Care has the option to re-submit; otherwise they'll be held to the old rules that they were approved under for their renewal.

AMA Guides 5<sup>th</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup> –

Discussion will be continuing as the Council is going to filter information to each other so the Guides can be discussed further.

**New Business –**

Council mentioned medical marijuana impact. The Council will be discussing this further.

Ms. Schwab stated that managed care stuff is good till March.

The Council scheduled the next Workers' Compensation Advisory Council meeting for Friday, January 13, 2017 at 9:00 am.

**Meeting Adjourned-**

Ms. Crouch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bernard at 9:35 a.m.