

Council on Worker's Compensation  
Meeting Minutes  
201 E. Washington Avenue  
GEF-1 Building, Room F305  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703  
July 9, 2019

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) provided public notice of the meeting under Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

**Members present:** Ms. Bloomingdale, Mr. Buchen, Ms. Frank, Mr. Fugina, Mr. Kent, Mr. Nettum, Mr. Peters (Chair), Mr. Reader, Mr. Redman, Mr. Tindall and Ms. Thomas

**Excused:** Ms. Johnson, Mr. Schwanda and Mr. Streff

**Staff Present:** Ms. Brown, Ms. Lake, Ms. McCormick, Mr. Moreth, Mr. O'Malley and Ms. Richard

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions:** Mr. Peters convened the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings law. Members of the WCAC, the audience, and Worker's Compensation Division (WCD) staff introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Bloomingdale to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting. Mr. Reader seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved without correction.
- 3. Correspondence:** Mr. O'Malley reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

An email dated July 1, 2019 was received from Ms. Rebecca Saari. Ms. Saari outlined some difficulties she has experienced with a worker's compensation claim. She expressed support for the WCAC proposals.

A letter dated July 8, 2019 was received from Mr. Nate Myszka, Senior Manager, State Government Affairs, Medtronic. In the letter Mr. Myszka stated Medtronic was opposed to the adoption of the national treatment guideline proposal in light of the opioid crisis, the ongoing need to address chronic pain in patients and the varying recommendations of therapies by national guideline companies. A white paper by Medtronic entitled **Using Medical Technology to Relieve Pain and Disrupt the Opioid Epidemic** was attached to the letter.

- 4. Motion to Caucus:** Ms. Bloomingdale moved that the Labor and Management members go into closed caucus. Mr. Reader seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the members approved the motion and went into closed caucus at about 10:08 a.m.
- 5. Adjournment:** The WCAC members remained in closed caucus and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The next Worker's Compensation Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2019.