

Meeting Minutes
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Microsoft Teams Meeting
August 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Members Present: Jason Dodson, Secretary Hultman, Kate Lukkes

Members via Teams: Guy Bender, Susan Peterson, Kory Rawstern, Jesse Smith, Chairman Sterns, Michael Williams

Others Present: Greg DeRynck, Tony Dorschner, Paul Knecht

Others Present via Teams: Riley Bennett, Jennifer Davis, Larry Deiter, Isabel Hernandez, Kristi Holm, Donna Leslie, Patsy Mehlhaff, Dan Nelson, Sarah Petrik, Jenifer Andrisen Selzer, Justin Smith, Chris Specht, Brad Wilson

Chairman Scott Sterns called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. CDT. The roll call was taken by Darcy Sorenson. A quorum was present.

Chairman Sterns expressed on behalf of the group and the DLR the loss of Randy Stainbrook, acknowledging Randy's public service to the state and the board, stating it does not go unnoticed. He stated belated condolences and sympathies were sent to the family. He also welcomed the new board members.

Jason Dodson moved to approve the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes. Kate Lukkes seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by 9-0 roll call vote.

Chairman Stern opened the floor for public comments.

Paul Knecht, executive director of the South Dakota Dental Association asked the council to consider a change in the amount that is established for the reimbursement for dental services in the case of Workers' Compensation claims. He states the rate is set in the rules, so a rules change would be needed. It has been seven years since they were changed.

Chairman Stern asked Division Director Amber Mulder to explain the rules process.

Jason Dodson moved to approve the review of the rule change. Kate Lukkes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Mr. DeRynck of SDSU OSHA extension gave a presentation on the OSHA Consultation program. Their mission is to assist small and medium-sized employers in the state with OSHA compliance and to help provide a safer workplace. DeRynck provided a recap of the FY22 activities, which included 135 on-site visits. For FY23 they have performed 180, so far. Mr. DeRynck stated he would like to further expand their services to the west side of the state and have someone posted there permanently.

Jennifer Andresen Selzler introduced Kids' Chance of South Dakota. This program started in 1988 and is an educational scholarship program for children by a workers' compensation claim,

allowing them to continue to pursue their education goals. Since 2016, South Dakota has awarded almost \$200,000 to children across South Dakota.

The 2022 Workers' Compensation Advisory Council draft report was presented by DLR Labor and Management Division Director Amber Mulder for review and discussion.

The next meeting date will be determined later.

Jason Dodson moved to adjourn. Kory Rawstern seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Stern adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.