



Meeting notes
May 21, 2004

Members present: Tim Keenen, Frank Prideaux, Frank Wong, Maria Carraher, Tom Williams
Others present: Kevin Willingham, Mike Clampitt, Jim Van Ness, Nancy Bieber, Barbara Smith and Debra Buchanan, WCD staff.

Members absent: Marsha Sorum, Tamara Arthur, Rebecca Brown, William Smith, Charles Carter, Gary Rischitelli, Pam DeVisser

NOTE: There was not a quorum present for this meeting.

Procedures for Review: Dr. Keenen discussed findings and issues regarding IDET and regarding ACT. Dr. Keenen proposed that based on the most recent studies, IDET is a proven procedure and should be removed from the rule disallowing compensability for the treatment in all cases. Rather, Dr. Keenen proposes it be specifically compensable when it meets the criteria outlined in the Texas study (e.g., no more than 2 levels, pain >six months, no radiculopathy, etc.)

ACTIONS:

1. Nancy Bieber will draft a memo outlining the above proposal for presentation to the full committee.
2. The members present moved that MAC endorse Washington L & I's protocol for the ACT procedure and list the endorsement and protocol on the MAC website.

WCD Updates: Kevin Willingham presented the WCD legislative proposals to the committee for information. Mike Clampitt and Jim Van Ness updated the committee on the Disability Rating Standards. Nancy Bieber updated the members on the physician certification project.

Future Planning: The next meeting is reschedule to July 9th. The meeting will focus on a report out of the discussions and planning with Dr. Kathryn Mueller on possible physician certification in Oregon. Note that Dr. Wong will help kick off the consultation work by meeting with Dr. Mueller on Wednesday, July 7th.