



Meeting Notes - June 6, 2003

Members present: Tamara Arthur, D.O.; Marsha Sorum, Frank Prideaux, D.C.; Rebecca Brown; Joseph Eusterman, M.D.

Others present: Gary Rischitelli, M.D., consulting member; Nancy Bieber, WCD staff; Debra Buchanan, WCD staff.

Members absent: Charles Carter, Frank Wong, Timothy Keenen, Walter LaChapelle, Tom Williams

1. Continuations of Procedures for Review:
  - ACT – Discussion deferred.: Dr. Keenen is to provide draft guidelines for review.  
**Action**
  - IDET – **Decision**: Those members present voted unanimously to draft a memo recommending no change in the current rule finding IDET unproven. Members noted the Texas study they were asked to review specifically excluded workers’ compensation claimants, has yet to be published, studied only a very small sample, provided only a six-month follow-up, and produced only minimal differences between the experimental and control groups.  
**Action**: Nancy will draft a memo to present to committee at the July meeting for a final vote on the memo.
  - DRX 9000 – **Decision/Action**: Nancy will redraft the memo presented to the committee at the April meeting which presented the combined recommendations of Dr. Prideaux and Tom Williams for presentation to John Shilts.
2. Objective Findings: **Decision** – The members will continue a review of “objective findings” and will consider offering a legislative proposal to modify the statutory definition of “objective findings.” Dr. Eusterman, whose term on the Medical Advisory Committee has expired, agreed to remain on a subcommittee to review this issue until the end of 2003. He will redraft a proposed definition of “objective findings” based on the discussions at the meeting. At the July meeting, WCD staff will present a review of court cases which apply (or misapply) the current definition.
3. Legislative Updates: SB 2828. WCD provided an update on this bill. As amended, it allows nurse practitioners to treat workers’ compensation patients and authorize time loss for 90 days, statewide. **Decision**: MAC continues to oppose the bill, even as amended.

**Action:** Dr. Arthur will develop and circulate a memo for review and comment that provides a specific explanation of MAC's opposition to this bill. *(Editors note: Because there was only 24-hour notice prior to amendment of and hearing on this bill, Dr. Arthur provided a memorandum on behalf of MAC directly to WCD staff for presentation to MLAC and the Senate Committee hearing the bill. MLAC adopted an amendment that would have limited the 90-day authority to rural areas of the state only. The Senate Committee passed the bill without the MLAC amendment.)*