



Meeting Summary of May 25, 2001

Members Present: T. Arthur, D.O., J. Eusterman, M.D., C. Olson (Safeco), F. Prideaux, D.C., D. Silver, M.D., M. Sorum (Jeld-Wen), T. Williams, P.T., and F. Wong, M.D. (CareMark)

WCD Staff present: Janis Checchia,

Others present: Jim Anderson (OMA), Jan Rich (CorVel), Carol Helton, and Sandra Savage.

Absent: Nancy Bieber, Randy Sanne(Weyerhaeuser Corporation),

I IDET: Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen of the Policy Review Unit advised the members of the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) that WCD will prepare a summary of verbal testimony given at the June 19 public hearing. This summary will be provided at the June 22 MAC meeting. Ostrand-Ponsioen also advised the committee the hearing's record closes on June 29, 2001. It is not necessary for any member of MAC to attend.

Cathy also stated MAC can submit written response to John Shilts after June 29 should anything come in between June 19th and the 29th.

Decision: Dr. Silver requested a sort between the objective testimony from personal opinion or experience testimony. Cathy agreed to do this.

II Objective Findings: The members of MAC felt that the definition for "objective findings," ORS 656.005(19) adequately addresses the art of medicine and is applicable to 90% of the cases. There is no single definition. The current definition allows the leeway that is necessary.

Decision: Recommend no change.

III Definitions of Statutory Terms—Outmoded, Experimental, Unscientific, Unproven:
The consensus of MAC is to delete the term "outmoded" since it is not a useful or convincing argument.

Decision: Janis Checchia will do a search to gather material for MAC and send it off to them before the next meeting.

IV WCD Update:

- ◆ Fee Schedule Study: Informed MAC that the project has been referred to Nancy Bieber and Janis Checchia to work with Ed Bissell and start with looking at what exists, review testimony from Paper Reduction Taskforce. Compare the unique tasks associated with WC care and whether we have codes to reimburse providers for those activities. If not, identify where the holes are.

Also, talked about doing a study on specific treatment activities; and determining what, if any, process differences exist between the general medical vs. workers' compensation.

- ◆ Workers' Compensation Reform Bill: Distributed a copy of the email John Shilts sent to all of WCD regarding the Governor's Task Force. The group is just beginning their task.
- ◆ External WEB Site: The WCD external web site will have the names of the Medical Advisory Committee members and their business addresses

V Assigned Tasks:

- Janis Checchia will conduct a search of NIH and CDC for descriptions of unproven, experimental, scientific. This will be forwarded to MAC before the next meeting
- Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen will provide a summary of the June 19 Hearing testimony.
- Janis Checchia will provide the new WEB address for WCD to all members of MAC.

New WCD web address: <http://www.oregonwcd.org/>

IV Agenda for June 22, 2001:

- ❖ Form 827 Survey Results—Fred Bruyns
- ❖ Summary of testimony given at public hearing on June 19, 2001
- ❖ Statutory Terms Defined (continued)
- ❖ Update on Smothers