

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THOMPSON CENTER – 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, ROOM 9-034
CHICAGO, IL 60601
HELD ON APRIL 10, 2015**

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Joann Fratianni
Diana Alvarez
Bill McAndrew
David Menchetti
Barb Molloy
Dr. Michael Vender

Participating via telephone:

Glen Boyle, IWCC Project Manager
Jason Keller
Kim Moreland

Not present at the meeting:

Dr. Avi Bernstein
Dianne McGuire

IWCC staff present:

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director
Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Mike Arnold, Deputy General Counsel
Brendan O'Rourke, Manager of Research and Education

Chairman Fratianni called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. With a quorum present, she entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Dr. Vender so moved, Mr. McAndrew seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McAndrew referenced old business and stated that he has not yet had a chance to discuss with Jay Shattuck the implant billing issue he raised earlier. He then raised as new business the potential impact of the proposal in Governor Rauner's budget to reduce the fee schedule provider payments an additional thirty percent. Mr. McAndrew suggested the Glen Boyle conduct an analysis of these reductions, in particular how the result lines up with Medicare reimbursement, and General Counsel Rascia advised that the Commission is not in a position to analyze a possible fee schedule reduction until legislation has been formally proposed.

Chairman Fratianni suggested that the Board meeting again before the legislative session is over, and that a date should be selected that gives members enough time to analyze the legislation.

Chairman Fratianni informed members that the Commission has formulated a rules committee, made up of Commissioners, arbitrators, and practitioners on both sides of the bar, to examine the Commission's rules and make suggestions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission. When proposed changes enter the public comment phase, they will be distributed to members so that they can comment on the final product.

Mr. Rascia reminded members that their economic interest forms have to be submitted and the annual ethics training has to be completed.

Ms. Molloy moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. McAndrew seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.