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January 20 and 21, 2010, Room 137, State Capitol -- starting at 8:30 a.m.

DRAFT Agenda - All times are tentative. An issue may be discussed earlier or later than listed.

Questions from the Committee are included in the timeframes provided.

Agenda for Wednesday, January 20, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Greetings, Roll Call, - Chairman Keane
Action Item: Adoption of written Economic Affairs Committee minutes from 11-17-09
- 8:40 a.m. Overview of Agenda and Competition Report in relation to EAIC Work Plan - Pat Murdo, staff
- 8:45 a.m. Rate-setting 101 - Ann Clayton, consultant with the Department of Labor and Industry
- 9:50 a.m. Rate-setting Comparing Montana State Fund and Private Insurers - Kris Wilkinson, LFD staff
- Break
- 10:30 a.m. Role of Regulatory Oversight by the State Auditor's Office - Current for Plan 2 and "What If...." for Plan 3 - State Auditor Monica Lindeen and staff
- 11:15 a.m. Oversight of Montana State Fund as that Relates to Solvency, Reserves, Equity
Kris Wilkinson, LFD staff, and Laurence Hubbard, executive director, Montana State Fund
- 11:45 a.m. Operations of State Funds Elsewhere in the United States and in Montana - Ann Clayton
- 12:15 noon Public Comment
- Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Plan 2 and Plan 3 -- How they Differ
Plan 2 Representatives -- Keith Brownfield, Victory, & Larry Jones, Liberty Northwest
Plan 3 Representative -- Laurence Hubbard, executive director, Montana State Fund
- Break
- 3:00 p.m. Classifications and Their Role in Premium Setting
Mike Taylor, NCCI, reviewing NCCI's setting of classifications
Dick Root, Montana State Fund, reviewing the classification committee's actions and Montana State Fund's use of classifications
Kris Wilkinson, providing a case study of Tumbleweed, a nonprofit that experienced a reclassification and a four-fold proposed increase in rates
- 3:45 p.m. Impacts on Premiums of Legislative and Court Decisions - Mike Taylor, NCCI
- Break
- 4:30 p.m. Review of Legislative Audit regarding Montana State Fund Board Governance
Angus Maclver, Legislative Audit Division, and Laurence Hubbard, Montana State Fund
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5:00 p.m. Update from State Fund Liaisons - Sen. Zinke and Rep. Hunter

5:15 p.m. Public comment on any issue on or off the agenda

Recess until Thursday meeting

Agenda for Thursday, January 21, 2010

8:00 a.m. Greetings, Roll Call, - Chairman Keane

8:05 a.m. Update on information requested at Nov. 17, 2009, meeting:
Duration of Claims Data by Plan Type - Jerry Keck, Employment Relations Division (ERD)
Claims Paid as a Percent of Payroll for all Plans - Jerry Keck, ERD
Recommendations for Averting Fraud -- Ann Clayton, consultant with ERD

8:30 a.m. Overview of How Independent Insurance Agents Direct Traffic to Plan 2 and Plan 3 Insurers
Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents Association of Montana

9:15 a.m. Review of HB 126 Implementation of State of Montana's Work Comp Plans
Connie Welsh and Lance Zanto, Department of Administration

Break

10:00 a.m. Panel on Medical Recruitment and Expansion of Training for Work Comp Treating Physicians
Representative of Montana Medical Association - Dr. John Petrisko (by phone)
Representative of MHA, an Organization of Health Care Providers - Bob Olsen

11:00 a.m. Update on Utilization and Treatment Guidelines Working Group - Jerry Keck, ERD

11:30 a.m. Discussion of how HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Guidelines
Impact Workers' Compensation Medical Issues - Erin MacLean

Lunch

1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion by Montana State Fund Board Members

2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion from Plan 1 insurers regarding experience of self-insuring
Colleen Hebert and Leah Tietz, Montana University System
Bob Worthington, Montana Self-Insurers Association
Shawn Bubb, Montana Schools Group Insurance Authority

3:30 p.m. Rule Review and Department Monitoring -- Bart Campbell, Staff Attorney

3:45 p.m. Comment from Christian MacKay, Department of Livestock, regarding new brucellosis order

4:00 p.m. Public Comment on any issue on or off the agenda

4:15 p.m. Committee Discussion of Options regarding Structure, Oversight of Montana Work Comp

4:45 p.m. Determination of Next Meeting (Proposed March 30-31) and Directions to Staff for Next Meeting
Adjourn

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