

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.
30 West Spring Street, 30th Floor, Conference Room A

Present: Gary DiCeglio, Chairman
William Thompson, Commissioner
Kevin Abrams, Commissioner

Attendees: Christa Deegan, Executive Director
Tom Connor, Director, Hearing Services
Rick Tilton, Hearing Officer Trainer
Paul Walker, Legal Counsel
Debbie Fodey, Administrative Assistant
Janet Lucktenberg, Administrative Assistant
Susan Murnane, Administrative Assistant
Rupi Singh, Administrative Assistant

Chairman DiCeglio called the meeting to order. Ms. Deegan called the roll.

Roll Call: Chairman DiCeglio Present
Commissioner Thompson Present
Commissioner Abrams Present

Old Business:

(A) April 30, 2008 Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting as presented and approved by the Commission members. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio Yes
Commissioner Thompson Yes
Commissioner Abrams Yes

(B) Hearing Officer Policy Memo C3 – Jurisdiction Over the Issue of Maximum Medical Improvement: The Commission members and staff discussed the draft policy memo. The Commission members agreed to send the proposed policy to the Rules Advisory Group.

New Business:

(A) Hearing Officer Policy Memo M2 – No Communication with Physician Examining for Industrial Commission: The Commission members and staff discussed the draft policy memo. Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt Hearing Officer Policy

Memo M2 as presented, effective September 29, 2008. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion. A copy of Memo M2 as adopted is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio Yes
Commissioner Thompson Yes
Commissioner Abrams Yes

- (B) Hearing Officer Policy Memo E7 – Processing Applications for Benefits Pursuant to O.R.C. 4132.57 when Allowance Question is in Court: The Commission members and staff discussed the draft policy memo. The Commission members agreed to minor revisions to the draft policy. Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt Hearing Officer Policy Memo E7 as revised, effective September 29, 2008. Chairman DiCeglio seconded the motion. A copy of Memo E7 as adopted is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio Yes
Commissioner Thompson Yes
Commissioner Abrams Yes

- (C) Hearing Officer Policy Memo 15 – Processing Compensation and Medical Benefit Issues in Claims when an Original Allowance or Additional Allowance Issue is in Court: The Commission members and staff discussed the draft policy memo. The Commission members agreed to a minor revision to the draft policy. Commissioner Abrams moved to adopt Hearing Officer Policy Memo 15 as revised, effective September 29, 2008. Chairman DiCeglio seconded the motion. A copy of Memo 15 as adopted is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio Yes
Commissioner Thompson Yes
Commissioner Abrams Yes

The Chairman called a brief recess. The meeting reconvened with the Chairman calling the meeting to order.

- (D) Hearing Officer Policy Memo K5 – Timely Completion of Orders: The Commission members and staff discussed the draft policy memo. The Commission members agreed to several revisions in the draft policy. Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt Hearing Officer Policy Memo K5 as revised, effective September 29, 2008. Commissioner Abrams seconded the motion. A copy of Memo K5 as adopted is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call Vote: Chairman DiCeglio Yes
Commissioner Thompson Yes
Commissioner Abrams Yes

Commissioner Abrams moved to adjourn. Chairman DiCeglio seconded the motion.
Ms. Deegan called the roll:

Roll Call:	Chairman DiCeglio	Yes
	Commissioner Thompson	Yes
	Commissioner Abrams	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Christa D. Deegan
Executive Director

