

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
MANAGEMENT-LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Full MLAC Meeting**

June 12, 2015
10:30 a.m. – Noon

Committee Members Present:

Aida Aranda, Oregon & Southern Idaho Laborers-Employers Training Trust, Corvallis {by phone}
 Guy Boileau, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Portland
 Tammy Bowers, May Trucking
 Jim Denham, ATI, Albany
 Carol Duncan, General Sheet Metal, Clackamas {via phone}
 John Mohlis, Oregon Building Trades Council, Portland
 Lynn McNamara, CityCounty Insurance, Salem
 Ben Stange, Polk County Fire District No.1, Independence
 Theresa Van Winkle, MLAC Committee Administrator

Committee Members Excused:

Paul Goldberg, Oregon Nurses Association, Tualatin
 Patrick Allen, DCBS Director, *ex-officio*

Agenda Item	Discussion
Opening (0:00:00)	John Mohlis opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Review of May 1 and May 26 Minutes (0:00:48)	Jim Denham moved to approve the minutes dated May 1, 2015 and May 26, 2015 . The motion was seconded and all members present voted aye.
Department Updates – 2015 Legislation (0:01:17)	John Shilts, Administrator, Workers' Compensation Division. He reviewed the list of legislation that has passed to date (handout here).
Department Updates – SB 533 (2013) Report (0:08:26)	Mr. Shilts provided the SB 533 (2013) report on managed care organizations (MCOs) and “come along” providers. The report is here . Mr. Shilts reviewed the data provided by MCOs and the reasons for not allowing a “come along” provider.
Biennial Review of Permanent Partial Disability Benefits	Mike Manley and Justin Fuller, Central Services, Department of Consumer and Business Services. The presentation is here .

(0:09:10)	<p>Mr. Manley outlined the history of permanent partial disability (PPD). In 2003, the legislature enacted SB 757 which changed how PPD is awarded. A subsequent bill in 2007 required a biennial review of PPD by MLAC.</p> <p>Mr. Fuller reviewed historical data and trends, including economic factors and claim rates. Mr. Manley reviewed data on benefit levels.</p> <p>Guy Boileau asked if denials are included in the number of accepted claims. Mr. Fuller commented the data only includes accepted disabling claims. Mr. Manley indicated that the denial rate in Oregon has been quite stable over time.</p>
<p>Interim MLAC Work Plan Discussion (0:35:14)</p>	<p>Theresa Van Winkle reviewed the items on the MLAC's interim committee topics that will be discussed by the committee in the 2015-2016 interim and the subcommittee process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling services for injured workers. HB 3026 (2015) proposed a task force on this subject. MLAC will form an interim subcommittee to review the topics identified in the bill. The Medical Advisory Committee will participate in the discussion. • Track impact of <i>Schleiss</i> and <i>Brown</i> court cases. SB 649 (2015) addressed these cases. MLAC agreed to track data on the topic through the interim and will have a standing agenda item to review data. • Independent medical examination (IME) process. SB 701 (2015) and HB 2581 (2015) came up about the selection process for IMEs. MLAC agreed to review this topic in the interim.
(0:42:54)	<p>Mr. Mohlis discussed changing the length of the term to serve on MLAC to three years (from two years). It will require a statute change. Ms. Van Winkle indicated she will talk to the Governor's office about requesting a bill for the 2016 session.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned (0:47:08)</p>	<p>Mr. Mohlis adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.</p>

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<http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/MLAC/audio.shtml> .

**Referenced documents can be found on the MLAC Meeting Information page here:
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