

IAIABC COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

POST-CONVENTION 2019

Associate Member Council: The Associate Member Council shared updates on two subcommittee projects it is engaged in, on telemedicine and fee schedules. Both projects are nearing their completion with plans to publish in late 2019 and early 2020. Attendees also discussed the Heads of Delegation/Associate Members' Forum which was held earlier in the day. Feedback was shared on the format, with attendees agreeing the new format was effective in addressing a variety of topics and engaging numerous jurisdictional representatives. However, there was general agreement that the format could be switched up for The Forum so as not to be repetitive at the two IAIABC events. Attendees of the AMC meeting also heard an update on the Board of Directors meeting from earlier in the week. Feedback was shared on improving the IAIABC member directory, as well as orienting new regulators to the Associate Member Council upon their appointments.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors received an update on the performance of the Association in 2019 including membership growth, community engagement, and financial position. Board discussion also focused on opportunities and challenges in achieving strategic objectives. Additionally, the Board heard updates on outstanding committee projects and development of a new IAIABC XML data reporting standard.

Disability Management and Return to Work: The Disability Management and Return to Work Committee shared an update on their project, "A How-To Guide for Injury and Disability Prevention." The Guide is a follow-up to the Committee's paper on return to work from 2016 and will be published in early 2020. Committee meeting attendees heard a presentation from Dr. Ethan Moses, medical director for the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation, on plans to update ACOEM's disability prevention guidelines. Attendees also actively participated in a workshop on implementing a worker-centric model for work disability prevention by Jason Parker, CEO of Centrix Disability Management Services.

Dispute Resolution: The Dispute Resolution Committee heard a spotlight on the Pennsylvania dispute system from Judge David Torrey. During the jurisdictional roundtable, the Committee heard about a proposal for a new tribunal in New South Wales that would hear both personal injury and workers' compensation cases. The committee also discussed 2020 programming for judges and mediators and partnerships with the NAWCJ and CWCL.

EDI Claims: The committee heard an update from the 02 Effectiveness Workgroup working to clarify documentation and examine opportunities with the 02 change processing rules. A full review of all pending IRRs and proposed resolutions was completed.

EDI Council: The EDI Council heard reports from all of the EDI Committee chairs. An EDI Training status was provided and the group talked about plans for 2020. A membership and financial status was also provided to the group. The meeting concluded with a report from the Claims Steering Committee and a status of the XML Replacement Project.

EDI Medical / ProPay: The ProPay committee received a presentation of clearinghouse roles and connectivity that covered all of the basics. An update on Federal attachments was provided. The industry is now anticipating Q1 2020 for NPRM with 60-day comment period which will include attachment standard format in HIPPA regulations / mandate. Update on the X12 007030 project was also provided. Two deliverables are currently under review and open for public comment. The committee was asked to provide input on any maintenance / clerical changes needed to the standard for the February 2020 publication. A new IRR will be submitted to add attending provider to the standard.

EDI Proof of Coverage: Currently, the committee has no outstanding IRRs. Four jurisdictions, Montana, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Mississippi are preparing to transition to the Release 3.0 format. The committee had a discussion regarding the receipt of coverage and the benefits of new data elements within Release 3.0. The new POC digital credential was highlighted and an additional training module is planned for 2020.

EDI Systems: The committee reviewed the Electronic Partnering Claims Adjuster Address List and the ability for Jurisdictions to upload that information to their databases. The workgroup will review data fields and how they are used and modify the instructions. The Committee liked the draft of the new sequencing guide that was presented by Robbie Tanner.

EDI XML Task Group: The main topics of discussion centered around the XML Replacement Project and the current use of the ACORD WCR 2.0.0 XML Standard. The group reviewed the outline of business requirements for the XML 2020 project and provided feedback.

International: The International Committee heard a spotlight presentation on the Social Security Organisation Malaysia (SOCISO) from Dr. Mohammed Azman, CEO, SOCISO. Ms. Elena Nikitina, Head of the Department for State Services and Strategic Development at the Social Insurance Fund of the Russian Federation provided an update on the Fund's Unified Medical Card Project. The Committee also discussed 2019-2020 international engagement efforts and participation in international programs.

Medical Issues: Medical Issues Committee: Committee members heard a presentation from Dr. William Reed who presented an alternative surgical intervention to spinal fusions. The presentation included discussion of literature which supported disc arthroplasty as resulting in positive outcomes and reduced recovery times especially compared to spinal fusion. The committee also received an update on the fee schedule discussion paper which is focusing on stakeholder engagement in the development and implementation process. The goal of this

resource is to identify successful strategies to gather and respond to friction in medical fee payment system. The committee also heard an update on an initiative from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) to continue the focus on function as an important measure of patient recovery.

Regulation: The Regulation Committee is collecting jurisdictions' answers to FAQs from injured workers to assist with a project to create a user-friendly resource for injured workers seeking information on workers' compensation. The Committee also heard an update on the PEO subcommittee from Sally Coen (Oregon). Robert "Bobby" Stokes, attorney, presented on presumptions and engaged a panel from Florida, Montana, Pennsylvania on their respective recent presumption legislation, causation, exclusions, and policy considerations.

Research and Standards: The Research and Standards Committee took a deep-dive into its Claims Measures Survey, reviewing results of its 2016 calendar year data call. Meeting attendees provided feedback on calculating injury, fatality, and denial rates, and improving methods of comparing data sets. The Committee plans to publish the Survey results by the end of 2019 and begin work on its 2017 data call. The Committee discussed "Project 19," sharing an update on efforts to collect data from jurisdictions on their application of the 19 Essential Recommendations. This survey will feed into discussions about what measures the industry feels are applicable and acceptable in workers' compensation today. Meeting attendees also had the opportunity to engage in discussion on identifying first responder claims in their data, and dates of injury for occupational disease claims.