

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION
AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE DISABLEMENT
MINUTES

MEETING DATE: December 19th, 2024
Zoom

Members Present: Darrell Deaguero, Marni Goodrich, Buffy Jackson, Courtenay Eichhorst and Director Heather Jordan, as ex-officio.

Members Absent: Sara Ranney, Annie Scoggins

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** 2:35 p.m. Chair Goodrich and council members present introduced themselves. Due to the meeting being held via zoom staff member, Nicole Bazzano, introduced attendees.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Darrell Deaguero made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Courtenay Eichhorst. Agenda approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Courtenay Eichhorst made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting, seconded by Buffy Jackson. Minutes approved.
4. **Review/Approve 2024 Advisory Council Annual Report:**
5. The council reviewed the 2024 Advisory Council Annual Report, which was sent to them via email and posted on the agency's website. Courtenay Eichhorst made a motion to approve the report, and Buffy Jackson seconded the motion. The 2024 Advisory Council Annual Report was approved.
6. **Director Report:**
Chair Goodrich welcomed the new Director, Heather Jordan. Director Jordan expressed her excitement about her new role and the opportunity to work with the Advisory Council. She announced the hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer and a Judge. Additionally, she noted that the agency had completed the 2024 rule-making process and the 2025 Health Care Provider Fee Schedule. Both documents have been posted on the agency's website and will take effect on January 1, 2025.
7. **Public Comment:**
Randy Akin asked whether the Advisory Council supported the bill expected to emerge from House Memorial 83 and if the council had any thoughts or recommendations on the matter. This prompted a discussion between Randy Akin and the council members. Council Member Eichhorst stated that the council currently did not have an opinion and preferred to review the proposed bill first before determining the best course of action. Chair Goodrich emphasized the importance of council members being prepared to discuss legislative topics and noted that their legislative flyer would be sent to lawmakers.
8. **Next Meeting:**
The next Advisory Council meeting will be at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at the WCA in Santa Fe.
9. **Adjourn:**
The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. by Chair Goodrich.