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Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation
Program Advisory Committee

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# JUDICIAL BRANCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

March 27, 2024
9:00 A.M.
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| **Advisory Body Members Present:** | Ms. Shelby Wineinger (Chair), Ms. Christine Alburger, Ms. Heather Capps, Ms. Stephanie Cvitkovich, Mr. Kevin Harrigan, Mr. Charles Johnson, Ms. Krista Levier, Ms. Ashley Rico, Mr. Brandon E. Riley, Ms. Nocona Soboleski, Mr. Hugh K. Swift, Mr. Brian Taylor, Ms. Jennifer A. Thomas. |
| **Advisory Body Members Absent:** | Ms. Stephanie Bohrer, Ms. Sulakshna Chauhan. |
| **Others Present:** | Mr. Edward Metro (Program Manager), Mr. Patrick Farrales, Ms. Jade Vu, Mr. Ed Cho, Ms. Miki Novitski, Ms. Sayuri Okamoto, Ms. Evan Washburn, Ms. Lynn MacGill, Mr. Alan Turnipseed, Ms. Jacquelyn Miller, Mr. Jon Paulsen, Ms. Amanda Garcia, Ms. Heather Allen. |

## OPEN MEETING

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and took roll call.

### Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes with modifications to the minutes to mark Brian Taylor as Absent in the February 20, 2024, Judicial Branch Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Committee meeting.
*(Motion: Riley, Second: Swift)*

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–5)

### Item 1

### Audit Services Request for Proposal Results

The evaluation panel reviewed four proposals for audit services and determined that Marsh was the best fit for the program. The intent to award was posted on February 29, and the agreement, set to begin on July 1, will have an initial one-year term with three one-year options.

### Item 2

### Excess Insurance Presentation

Evan Washburn from Alliant presented an overview of the current excess insurance market, focusing on the challenges impacting various sectors, including property, liability, and workers'

compensation. She noted that while the workers' compensation market remains stable, factors such as opioid issues and mental health exposure continue to influence rates. Looking ahead, the renewal process for the Judicial Council will begin in early 2024, with expected rates reflecting a modest increase. Additionally, Alliant is working on consolidating out-of-state policies to improve efficiency and simplify administration for the Judicial Council.

**Item 3**

**Program Dashboard Analytics Overview**

Lynn MacGill from Marsh presented an overview of the program's new dashboard analytics, designed to provide actionable insights for managing workers' compensation data. The dashboard will integrate both industry benchmarks and internal metrics to identify trends and monitor the success of the program, focusing on reducing claims frequency, severity, and litigation costs. The tool is built using Power BI to correlate various data sources, and it will evolve over time based on feedback from the subcommittee and program staff to better address emerging issues and optimize decision-making.

**Item 4**

**Program SharePoint Resources Overview**

Miki Novitski, JBWCP staff, presented the newly developed JBWCP SharePoint site, which serves as a centralized resource for workers' compensation information for members. The site provides easy access to frequently requested details such as court adjuster assignments, ergonomic assessments, and relevant forms, helping streamline communication and improve accessibility. The goal is to enhance collaboration, share best practices, and provide continuous updates to support the members.

**Item 5**

**Multiyear Initiatives**

Ed Cho, Senior JBWCP staff, introduced the program's multiyear initiatives, which aim to improve workers' compensation processes. These initiatives include enhancing governing documents, setting clear financial metrics, addressing litigation management, and exploring risk control options, with a focus on creating informed, effective decisions. Ed emphasized the importance of collaboration with working groups and a subcommittee to ensure these initiatives are implemented cohesively and contribute to the program's overall enhancement.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.