

## **AWCBC NWISP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### Background

<b>Committee:</b>	<i>NWISP</i>
<b>Executive Sponsor:</b>	<i>Kurt Dieckmann</i>
<b>Mandate:</b>	<i>In collaboration with Boards and Commissions, the National Work Injury Statistics Program collects, collates, analyses and disseminates nationally comparable statistical data on work injuries and diseases. The program promotes and communicates relevant statistical data analysis and information, and it provides insight and expert knowledge of the data.</i>

**Impact of COVID-19 on work plan deliverables /committee collaboration: negative and/or positive:**

*How has the pandemic affected your ability to address the action items in your work plan? Please highlight any item(s) of particular concern with some high level detail.*

*Has the pandemic provided any positive opportunities to collaborate more, improve service delivery, share new ways of doing business amongst committee members/jurisdictions? Please describe.*

*NWISP has continued to function successfully in 2020. The timing of the pandemic delayed our ability to meet as a national committee until June and the scope of our meeting was shortened to a 2 hour meeting instead of a 2 day meeting. As such, we agreed the scope of our work for 2020/21 would focus on "fundamentals". We are still accomplishing a great deal:*

- We have delivered on all commitments within our 2020/21 workplan*
- Coding for gender neutral: NWISP was asked by the executive in Nov 2019 to do a cross jurisdictional scan to identify different approaches Boards will be utilizing to better identify with gender neutral customers. NWISP submitted back to the executive for their discussion. Summary: Identify gender through a data field we recommend be called "legal gender". This approach is consistent with the approach the Federal Government utilizes as well as several prominent public agencies. Some jurisdictions will have the added step of "gender at birth" followed by "current legal gender". Some jurisdictions will create more fields to identify with different genders however, the minimum would appear to be adding in a field titled "legal gender". The issue is not yet resolved as this requires the national executive committee to finalize their agreed upon approach*
- Quickstats for NWISP - the CFO committee has their KSM quickstats. NWISP was asked to explore what that could look like and submit a plan. NWISP has met and is currently exploring the feasibility of creating a "real time" ability to release statistics provided by jurisdictions as soon as they are submitted with a caveat that any numbers released are clearly indicating they are not formal or necessarily accurate until confirmed as such by AWCBC. We will explore the*



	<p><i>feasibility of system changes required to do this and then will pilot an approach. A plan will be discussed in Spring 2021 based on the committee's assessment of possibility. This will be a discussion item as our core priority for the 2021 workplan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CTC facilitated the annual national calibration exercise intended to monitor and measure consistency of coding across all jurisdictions. The results of the exercise will be made available immediately before our May 2021 meeting.</i></li> <li>• <i>CTC has also done informal calibration work on psychological injury coding. New codes were released in 2019. These additional exercises have allowed us to ensure we are on track nationally to viewing the new codes in similar ways across all jurisdictions.</i></li> <li>• <i>COVID codes were added into all jurisdictional systems in Q2/2020. An initial 'quickstats' picture was provided by AWCBC to all jurisdictions at the end of June 2020. Some jurisdictions have, in early 2021, adopted additional codes for "variants" which may allow more refined reporting in coming months.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Emerging Issues:</b></p>	<p><i>Our data platform (AOC) is now 13 years old and will require a replacement. The committee will be prioritizing requirements for a new system which will form the basis of a Business Case which NWISP will submit to the AWCBC executive for further discussion as well as requesting budget to fund the system initiative.</i></p>
<p><b>Meeting Continuation:</b></p>	<p><i>Ad hoc meetings are arranged as necessary. Our annual meeting will proceed in May 2021 and then further committee work will create requirements for additional meetings as required through the remainder of the year.</i></p>