

**Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC)
National Work Injury Statistics Program (NWISP) Committee**

2015 MINUTES

DATE AND PLACE:

As part of the AWCBC All Committees Meeting, the NWISP Committee met on May 27, 2015 and May 28, 2015 at The Omni King Edward Hotel in Toronto.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norm Samaroo (AB), Doug Roberts (NS), David Legge (NL), Laura Lee MacEwen (PE), Tara Addison (SK), Kate Jefferson (NT), Shona Barkley (NT), Sylvie Blouin (QC), Amanda Banewski (MB), Pieter Lambooy (AB), Mary Ottorino (ON), Diane Baker (NB), Eve Cyr (AB), Linda Kacur (ON), Ray Outair (AWCBC), Aliyah Giga (ON), David Terrio (NS), Joseph Wong (BC)

OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS:

Mary Ottorino and Pieter Lambooy gave the opening remarks. Breda Neher confirmed as Secretary for Meeting Minutes. Committee members introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS:

Ray discussed how to review coding changes in regards to the national position and jurisdictional difference. One example was provided on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome as there appears to be variances on how jurisdictions apply the Z795 Coding Standard.

It was decided that a new IT Data Sub-Committee would be implemented as part of the NWISP committee. The Committee is a sub-committee of the National Work Injuries Statistics Program (NWISP). The principal goal of this committee is to provide a forum for jurisdictional partners to engage in discussions and knowledge sharing relating to the preparation, submission, and presentation of NWISP data. Additionally, the committee will strive to promote research and education focusing on matters of interest relating to workplace injuries and other emerging trends within the context of NWISP data content and usage.

Orientation of new members – as this sub-committee is subject to change, there should be a process for orienting new members.

SUCCESSION PLANNING:

- 5 year plan 2014 to 2018
- Transition
- Orientation
- On-line training
- Communication

It was agreed that Breda Neher would be the new NWISP Committee Co-Chair and Mary Ottorino, Chair, would mentor her until she assumes full Chair duties.

2014 CODING EXERCISE:

Diane Baker reviewed the results of the coding exercises. There was an 80% threshold and scores ranged from 54% to 99%.

There was agreement to review guidelines for future exercises as it was felt that the questions may have been too ambiguous and complex. There was agreement that future questions should be reflective of “real world coding” and the group should consider a 80/20 split between basic and complex questions. Ideally there should be one representative per jurisdiction on the Coding Technical Committee (CTC).

2015 CODING EXERCISE

There will be 10 coding questions submitted by each jurisdiction.

Tentative dates for 2015 coding exercise

- August 8 to Sept 30 – Send questions to Diane
- Diane will select 12 questions
- Will include a variety of both complex and simple
- Include mental stress, psychiatric conditions
- Completion of the exercise by March 15, 2016
- Publication of results March 20, 2016

Action Item: (Ray Outair)

- Fatalities – ensure that there is consistency regarding recording fatalities when there are inter-jurisdictional agreements as there may be discrepancies around where the fatality occurred and which jurisdiction is paying for the claim. It was agreed that the jurisdictions would be polled on how these claims are captured.

Additional Discussion Points:

- Inter-jurisdictional report table is sometimes slow – contact IT department;
- Debrief on use of available training tools;
- There was discussion around consistency in capturing mental health claims; and
- There was agreement that more codes would not be added to the Z795 Coding Standard, unless absolutely necessary.

IT DATA SUB-COMMITTEE SCOPE:

- Knowledge transfer – review tools used, data usage, data quality;
- Consistency on presentation of data using NWISP Standards;
- Sharing and using broad operational definitions;
- Better understanding on how consumers use data; and
- Tools used to produce high quality data.

The purpose for this sub-committee is for knowledge sharing, data consistency, data accuracy and sharing overall information among jurisdictions. This sub-committee will mainly review and discuss issues & challenges with data, data usage, frequency of data requests and variances in coding.

Action Items (Norm Samaroo):

- Alberta to Chair the IT Data Sub-Committee.
- Develop terms of reference with the assistance of Pieter and Joseph.
- Recruit members from each board and have a teleconference in mid-October.

CTC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- NOC code variances – currently using 1991, 2006 to 2011 NOC;
- Quebec – different use of coding standards and the Standard version being used;
- Alberta – formalize use of on-line tools;
- BC – Standards should be consistent – one example is changing NOC using a table of concordance – should have a disclaimer regarding consistency of the data.
- Ontario - Linda Kacur – complexity and necessity of coder training is underestimated.

Action Item (Mary Ottorino):

- Share the Ontario mapping document of ICD9 to Z795 Coding Standard with other jurisdictions.

PRESENTATION ON DATA QUALITY TOOL “DaVE” FROM ONTARIO

Aliyah, Gary McLaren (guest) and Shahid Sheikh (guest) from the WSIB provided a presentation on the new automated validation tool being used by the Ontario Board known as “DaVE”. This automated tool reinforces data quality and integrity and is able to validate 370+ data elements vs. 71 data elements previously done manually.

NEW ONLINE CODER TRAINING:

Ray provided a demonstration of the new AOC coder training tool. Some members offered to review, the new training module, and provide feedback to Ray.

WORKPLAN:

Goals and objectives on the work plan did not change. Minor revisions made to timeframes only.