Hello Everyone,

We have achieved a great deal within our NWISP committee through the course of our most recent 5 year plan. Our plan was meant to span from 2019 to 2023 to help us achieve our vision as a group to "collect, maintain and share national work injury data using a standardized approach."

To achieve that vision we had three strategic priorities as a group including: Quality and consistency of our data, collection and distribution of high quality data and NWISP program alignment to the AWCBC Strategic Plan.

We committed in 2019 to several deliverables that we would achieve over 5 years to help us build the program and we have achieved all we set out to do:

- We wanted to build the means to develop annual "emerging trends" discussion and data. We have built
 more up to date reporting and agreed as a team to informally publish data as it's submitted. We've also
 been able to create new coding for new trends and successfully capture important information such as
 COVID data as a result.
- Maintain orientation materials for new committee members which is housed on the AWCBC website
- The on line coding training manual needed to be maintained and new items captured and defined. Our CTC group does a fantastic job making sure our manual is up to date as a key source of truth for all jurisdictions.
- National calibration exercise is our core means to know that we all view codes in similar ways over the span of the past 5 years we have successfully been able to calibrate to an average of over 80% across the country which means we provide accurate data for our stakeholders and also incrementally adjust our views on specific codes thanks to code discussions the CTC fosters every time code definition discussions arise.
- Exploring our future data requirements Over the past year considerable work has been done to define the scope we need to replace our aging data and on line platforms. As a result, we are ready to proceed with an investment which will be a project that spans into our next strategic plan.

NWISP as a committee has achieved a great deal in the past 5 years. Each member of the team should be very proud of the fact you have built an accurate, reliable and consistent data set that is utilized by all jurisdictions as well as the stakeholders that access our information. Well done!

The discussion will continue - we will build out our next strategic plan to align with the plans that are being built at the AWCBC. The appetite for great data continues to increase and thanks to your efforts, we have the right infrastructure, standards and processes to meet that demand. Most importantly, we have great people on the committee and on our CTC and DSAC subcommittees that make it all happen.

Congratulations on your success in the past five years – and here's to the future that we'll all build together!!!

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