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Jodie M. Taylor, *Member*
Karen L. Gillmor, Ph.D., *Member*
Tim Adams, *Executive Director*

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015
10:30 A.M.

TYPE OF MEETING

Commission Meeting

ATTENDEES

Chairman Thomas H. Bainbridge
Commissioner Jodie M. Taylor
Commissioner Karen L. Gillmor
Tim Adams, Executive Director
Tom Connor, Director of Hearing Services
Rachael T. Rentas-Black, Chief Legal Counsel
Jacob Bell, Director of Operations/Legislation
Debbie Fodey, Administrative Assistant
Kim Ferkany, Administrative Assistant
Genevieve Hoffman, Administrative Assistant
Greg Hickman, Assistant Legal Counsel
Jennifer Rohrbaugh, Assistant Legal Counsel
Amy Ahmer, Public
Jerry Bower, Public
Carla Cannon, Public

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bainbridge.

ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Present
Commissioner Taylor	Present
Chairman Bainbridge	Present

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Bainbridge moved to approve the August 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

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ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

MOTION

Chairman Bainbridge moved to approve the December 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Rule 4121-3-09 “Conduct of hearings before the Commission and its staff and district hearing officers.”

Rachael Rentas-Black brought up the digital signage is incongruous with the paper docket sheet. Some of the information required on the docket sheet pursuant to 4121-3-09 is not on the digital signage. The issue was brought to her attention by Scott Greene after an audit on the first floor. Ms. Rentas-Black inquired whether the Commission wants to correct the digital signage to comport with the rule or amend the rule. Commissioner Taylor indicated most of the offices still have the paper docket sheet and the digital signage is duplicative. If the docket sheets comport with the rule, there is no need to change the rule. Mr. Connor noted the paper docket sheets contain different information and that is the concern on whether this information needs to be on the digital signage as well. Commissioner Taylor stated the Commission should not take away the paper docket sheets. Further, the digital signage is just an extra and is not even

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needed. Chairman Bainbridge recommended keeping the paper docket sheets and keeping the digital signage as is. The issue can be brought up later if needed.

MOTION

Chairman Bainbridge moved for an Executive Session. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

The Commission then went into Executive Session.

MOTION

Chairman Bainbridge moved for the Executive Session to conclude. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

DISCUSSION

September Statewide Hearing Officer Meeting – Medical Topics and Speakers

Mr. Connor presented for discussion possible topics and speakers for the upcoming September Statewide Hearing Officer Meeting. Mr. Connor noted the current Hearing Officer training taking place in the spring does not have any medical topics. Further, it is the employer representatives' turn to present a case law update. Chairman Bainbridge offered an idea on a potential medical topic to include a neurologist

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discussing traumatic brain injuries such as concussions and post-concussive syndrome. Mr. Connor will gather some options and present it to the Commission. Commissioner Taylor mentioned Assistant Attorney General Jeff Dubar, of the Cleveland AG office as a potential speaker for the case law update. He presented recently and had a great outline. Mr. Connor noted he had two groups volunteer to speak at the hearing officer meeting. First, a group of managed care organizations offered to speak on ADR disputes and the disconnect with hearing officers. Both Chairman Bainbridge and Commissioner Taylor voiced concerns in picking one or two managed care organizations from the many available to speak. Mr. Connor also stated Buzz Minor offered to provide a presentation on analyzing medical evidence and cross examination. Mr. Connor expressed concern that this could appear one sided. Chairman Bainbridge agreed and suggested having a panel discussion, and that John Goodman would be a good counter to Buzz Minor. Commissioner Taylor also offered Frank Galucci, Rich Bryant, John Morrow, and Phil Fulton as potential speakers for the panel discussion. However, Commissioner Taylor pointed out that the Commission typically does not use a presenter who has previously presented. Mr. Connor also suggested the meeting needs to touch on professionalism, and would like the focus to be on social media. Commissioner Taylor agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bainbridge moved to adjourn. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

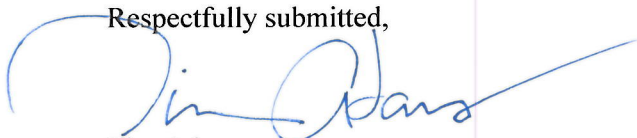
ACTION BY

Mr. Adams called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Gillmor	Yes
Commissioner Taylor	Yes
Chairman Bainbridge	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Adams
Executive Director