Maryland Workers' Compensation Commissioners' Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 22, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman R. Karl Aumann called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chairman Aumann and Commissioners Kathleen Evans, James Forrester, Morrisann Martin, Howard Metz, Ju Oh, Delia Schadt and Tracey Parker-Warren.

Staff members attending were Mary Ahearn, Amy Lackington, Scott Curtis and, by telephone, Jerome Reichmister, M.D. and Stacey L. Roig, Secretary of the Commission.

Public Guests: Please see attached list of members of the public who attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the April 8, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting were reviewed, and with certain changes and corrections, a motion made by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Parker-Warren, to accept the Minutes, as amended, the Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman requested an update on Kids'; Chance activities from Commissioner Morrisann Martin. Commissioner Martin reported that Kids' Chance is moving forward with a 25th Anniversary Gala and the July 19th Golf Outing at Rocky Point Golf Course. The Chairman reported that the MWCEA Convention is also proceeding with an in-person convention in September 2021. The Chairman reported that return to office guidance was provided by DBM and a meeting was scheduled with senior managers to discuss how the Commission will move forward with returning staff to the office as it is still a work in progress.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

Medical Alerts: Dr. Reichmister reminded everyone to continue with safety precautions of social distancing, washing hands frequently, wearing masks and avoiding crowds. Dr. Reichmister discussed concerns with COVID Vaccines from AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson causing blood clotting problems, which are appearing in a very few, mostly younger people. Dr. Reichmister also discussed a Primer that he is putting together for the Commissioners.

Adjournment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Forrester and second by Commissioner Evans and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

R. Karl Aumann, Chairman