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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2021

10:00 AM – Via Microsoft Teams

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Stephen M. Morelli, Chairman, Charles F. Senich, Michelle D. Truglia, Scott A. Barton, Peter C. Mlynarczyk, Randy L. Cohen, Jodi Murray Gregg, Daniel E. Dilzer, David W. Schoolcraft, Brenda D. Jannotta, Carolyn M. Colangelo, William J. Watson III, Maureen E. Driscoll, Pedro E. Segarra, Toni M. Fatone and Soline M. Oslena.

The following Workers' Compensation Commission staff was in attendance:

Nancy Bonuomo, Madeleine Lemieux, Vincent Flynn, Terri Miro and Richard Eighme.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen M. Morelli at 10:02 AM.

I. Introductions

Chairman Morelli welcomed everyone present for the Microsoft Teams Meeting.

II. Items for Review:

1. Commissioner Exams

Chairman Morelli discussed Commissioner Exams being scheduled through MES.

2. Correspondence with Treaters

Chairman brought up a few recent letters he received regarding respondents corresponding with treating physicians. Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of respondents communicating with claimant's physicians and what is in the guidelines.

3. Medical Guidelines

Chairman Morelli discussed a potential change he will be making to the Medical Guidelines regarding Physician Assistants.

4. Stipulation Language

Chairman Morelli discussed stipulations and C.G.S. 31-315 not being allowed to be waived.

5. COVID-19 Updates

Chairman Morelli explained that EO 7K was extended with other COVID-19 executive Orders until April 19, 2021. He discussed Governor Lamont lessening certain COVID-19 restrictions and the potential to allow for some Formal Hearings to be done in person.

6. Computer System Update

Chairman Morelli announced that the potential go-live date of the new computer system is in October of this year.

7. Personnel Updates

Chairman Morelli discussed the many personnel changes that are taking place as more and more staff retire.

8. District Updates

Chairman Morelli provided an update on the drafted Middletown lease.

9. Budget/ Legislative Update

Chairman Morelli announced that Commissioner Barton had been confirmed by the Legislature for another 5-year term. He discussed the Governor's proposed budget and some legislation pertaining to workers' compensation.

10. Commissioner Procedures

Chairman Morelli discussed Commissioner scheduling.

III. Other Business and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.