

## **4123-18-18 Labor-management - government advisory council.**

- (A) As provided in section 4121.70 of the Revised Code, a statewide labor-management-government advisory council shall be created consisting of fifteen members having special knowledge on matters concerning various aspects of the rehabilitation of workers who are disabled due to an injury or occupational disease.
- (B) Vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment as provided in section 4121.70 of the Revised Code. The council shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson.
- (C) The administrator or the administrator's designee shall serve as secretary of the council without vote.
- (D) The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the members, and meetings may be requested by the administrator or the administrator's designee. The council shall meet not less than quarterly. Meetings may be held at any location in the state.
- (E) Council members shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary costs of attending meetings upon approval of the bureau of workers' compensation. Payment shall be made in the same manner as other administrative costs of the bureau.
- (F) The administrator or the administrator's designee shall prepare the agendas and provide secretarial services to the council to record minutes, prepare reports, and perform other related support services.
- (G) The council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the bureau Those voting affirmatively and negatively on recommendations of the council shall be identified in the council's official minutes. All recommendations of the council shall be reviewed and considered by the bureau, and the administrator or the administrator's designee shall inform each council member of the disposition of each recommendation.
- (H) The functions of the council shall include the following:
  - (1) Provide timely advice and counsel relative to the rendering of rehabilitation services to injured workers and the quality and effectiveness of such services;
  - (2) Provide active support of the rehabilitation function and program of the bureau and verbalize that support to peers, legislators, and the community at large;
  - (3) Offer advice on current and future planning within the bureau concerning rehabilitation services;
  - (4) Offer recommendations for changes of laws, rules, policies, and procedures relative to rehabilitation services;
  - (5) Offer encouragement to employees with work related injuries or occupational diseases relative to utilization of the specialized rehabilitation services.
- (I) The administrator or the administrator's designee shall keep all members informed of the internal affairs of the bureau as applicable to their service on the labor-management government advisory council.

Effective: 1/9/15

Prior Effective Dates: 12/7/82, 8/22/86 (Emer.), 11/8/86, 2/3/92, 1/1/01, 11/5/09