

Consortium Goal: To Share information and ideas that will result in safer work environments

We continue our Workers Compensation Focus

Dr. Walsh from Industrial Medical Associates will give us a view of Workers Compensation from the medical perspective. In addition, we'll "pull back the curtain" on the procedures used in drug testing. This meeting is on June 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the SOGS room at the St. Luke's Home.

We Still Need Host Sites! Help us help you, please call one of the members of our Team if you can host a meeting. We still need locations for Oct 10th and Dec 12th this year.

April 20, 2006 Consortium Meeting Minutes:

State Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito met with the Consortium, listened to member concerns, and offered her thoughts on Workers Comp. Members pointed out that the workers comp system has evolved from a short-term assistance program intended to bridge a gap in employment into a long-term entitlement. When the first step in filing a claim is hiring a lawyer, the system has become too complex. Costs are prohibitive and hurting economic development. It was suggested that welfare reform could offer an effective model for reforming workers comp. Assemblywoman Destito made it clear she supports reform efforts, even though she's against the current bill as she feels it is missing some vital provisions. She noted that opposing interests (such as lawyers and physicians) will also hamper reform efforts. However, she offered several suggestions: raising reform's profile, continuing to push elected officials for reform by selling the point that getting costs down will be an incentive to bring business in to New York. She cautioned that, when making our case, we must be prepared to address the total health care and social impact of such changes.

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Our Next Meeting!



Date: June 13, 2006
Time: 8:00 – 10:00
Location: SOGS Room at St. Luke's Home

Agenda: 8:00 a.m. - "What's wrong with Workers' Compensation from a Medical Perspective"
9:30 a.m. - Drug Testing Procedures Explained

Call for Members!

Based on the presentation, it was suggested that a sub-committee be created to work on-going reform efforts. This committee will report to the Consortium as needed, rather than have reform become our only focus. If you're interested in serving on the committee, please contact Dave Lyman or Scott Millbower