

RAACWI Community Forums

February 7, 2008 - Study of the WCB/WSIB's Annual Report 2006

Overview - What is an Annual report?

- What is included in and with an annual report?
- WCB annual report & statistical supplement
- Who is the report reporting to?
- What information does it seek to provide?
- Who should respond to it?
- How does this report compare to other ones?

What more would we like to see in the report.

- Role Play & Discussion with whole group.

March 6, 2009 - Study of Annual report (continued)

April 10, 2008 - Presentation and discussion - Ellen MacEachen
"Hurt versus Harm" approach in return to work: a social reconceptualisation using injured worker experience

- ❖ The discourse of "hurt vs harm" is formed from a particular grouping of research findings, logic and theory
- ❖ A reconsideration of "hurts" and "harms" from a social point of reference allows us to:
 - question the discourse

begin to see illness/injury as not worsened by work absence itself but rather by problematic processes & "hurts" which lead to "harms" and failed RTW.

Experience rating - Connecting the dots - Marion Endicott

May 16, 2008 - Using Research for Change

Overview of the political process - from idea to law to policy to

practice - using flow chart. Ask - how you can make changes to laws? Policies?

Meeting MPPs is only one piece of the puzzle.

Link our current demands to research.

Role play - Lobbying your MPP - Sharing research

November 6, 2008 - "Using Research for Change"

RAACWI - What we have achieved so far and plans for the future

December 4, 2008 - Understanding the political process and using our knowledge to make change.

Goals:

1. To analyze the government's response to our demands.
2. To develop a written response to the Minister of Labour.
3. To document the poverty of injured workers.
4. To have fun.

January 29, 2009 - SOCIAL ACTIVISM And the INJURED WORKER

Goals:

1. To analyze the history of social activism among injured workers.
2. To explore what's different now.
3. To talk about what we can do to make a difference.
4. To have fun.

Guest presentation - Robert Storey

February 12, 2009 Presentation and discussion - Joan Eakin

1:20 PM

"WSIB Front line worker study"

How can I / we use this research in advancing the interest of injured workers?

Friday, March 13, 2009 - Peter Smith - "OH&S risk factors - who's most affected"

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Round table

April 23, 2009 - Bonnie Kirsh - Stigma experienced by injured workers

Panel discussion: overcoming depression and making a difference

-- Discussion

May 14th, 2009 - Recent "Economic Arguments" Against Injured Workers' and How To Respond.

October 2, 2009 - Presentation and discussion - John McKinnon - WSIB Annual report - 2008

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November 30, 2009 - Deeming

Case examples -the worker tells his/her story and the caseworker provides context/back up.

Interactive component: workers to share their deeming stories with the group

- The picture of unemployment for IWs/persons with disabilities -- Bonnie Heath 1:50 PM
- History of Deeming (including deeming alternatives, Bill 187, etc.) - ME, CD, Airissa from IAVGO 2:10 PM
- Ideology of Deeming - Robert Storey 2:30 PM
- Popular Education (skit, poetry, One-legged tarzan) 3:20 PM
- Legal Strategies (range of solutions, policy, human rights or charter challenges) -LL, maybe with Ivana Petricone from ARCH or Mary Marrone of ISAC 3:40 PM
- Interactive: Solutions/Strategies Group work 4:00 PM
Divide into 3 groups: communication, legal/political strategies, organizing
Group may work on making signs for Christmas
Demo Deeming parade

January 14, 2010

Knowledge mobilization - building public awareness through the media

Goals:

1. To gain a better understanding of the media in Ontario.
2. To explore how we can get media attention for our issues and our research.
3. To build skills in working with the media.

4. To have fun.

Guest speaker - John McGrath - CBC Queen's Park reporter

February 8, 2010

The unfunded liability and the Auditor General's report.

March 23, 2010

Study Group Session on the *WSIB Study of Locked-in Award Recipients*

Goals:

1. To gain a better understanding of this *study*.
2. To explore how the information in the *study* is presented.
3. To discuss how we can respond to the *study*.
4. To have fun.

May 20, 2010 1 - 5 PM

Labour Market reentry- Ellen MacEachen

June 18, 2010 10 AM - 2 PM

Poverty of Injured Workers- Emile Tompa

Oct. 18, 2010. The Economics of the WSIB in 2010s: What does it mean for Injured Workers?

Andrew Bome, a lawyer at McQuestin Community Legal Services, talked about compensation funding models. Jim Stanford, an economist at the Canadian Auto Workers provided an overview of the broader economic environment.

Dec. 13, 2010 1 - 5 PM

Working with the policy "bureaucracy": Insights of a former policy advisor.

Tuesday January 11th. 9:30 - 12:30

Focus on the new Work Reintegration policies at the WSIB/WCB with Ellen MacEachen.

Plans to monitor the progress of this new initiative - potential research project on how the "New system" works.