



Meeting of the Minds
Medical Aspects of Disability & Case Management
Washington IARP 2010 Fall Conference
October 22—23, 2010

Speaker Profiles and Presentations

John Curley Learning Disabilities and Overcoming Barriers

Motivational speaker, Emmy-award- winner and former host of Evening Magazine, John Curley will share his life experience with having to overcome the barriers of a learning disability, “dyslexia.” His story addresses social stigmas and presuppositions made by others that create artificial barriers to education and career goals. John’s true-life journey is informative, inspiring and enlightening.

Learning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of learning disabilities and strategies for overcoming vocational barriers.

Theodore J. Becker, Ph.D. Physical Capacity Testing; Biomechanical analysis and critical segment performance technique, HDP (Hard Data Protocol)

Dr. Becker is recognized by the medical, legal, claims management professions as being a leading expert on hard data performance based PCE testing and biomechanical analysis. His unique combination of specializations, including a PhD in Human Performance, certifications in rehabilitation and disability, and research publications provide a unique approach to analyzing tolerance for returning to work.

Learning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of performance based physical capacity evaluations and their use in evaluating employability and vocational rehabilitation plan development. Attendees will also learn about the Biomechanical Hard Data Protocol process in evaluated movement.

Rodger Meinz, Ph.D. Psychological Evaluations and Therapy: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Dr. Rodger Meinz is a psychologist in private practice whose specialty is work-related psychological issues. Most of his patients have experienced work related injuries, and in cases where medical treatment takes a complex, intractable course, he believes it is not uncommon to find an underlying personality disorder.

Learning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, and trapdoors of psychological evaluations and psychotherapy within the context of vocational rehabilitation.

Craig Bock, M.A., CRC Adhering to your ethics; How to comply with your Professional Code of Ethics and still practice under industrial insurance laws.

Craig holds a Masters of Arts Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. He began his professional career as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in 1997, and formed Bock Consulting in September 2003. Craig is President of the Washington State Chapter of IARP. Craig is a recognized leader in vocational counseling and consulting, expert testimony and forensic analyses, damage calculations, life coaching and mentoring, and speaking.

Learning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of how to comply with their Professional Code of Ethics and still practice under Industrial Insurance Laws. Specific CRC and CDMS codes will be examined to help attendees better understand their application.



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Justin Cooper, D.O. *The challenges attending physicians face when working within an industrial insurance system while managing complex medical cases.*

Dr. Cooper specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. As an attending physician, Dr. Cooper provides treatment and medical case management primarily to worker's compensation patients with musculoskeletal conditions and chronic pain. He completed his residency at Washington University School of Medicine and his osteopathic degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Cooper practices at the Northwest Center for Integrative Medicine in Tacoma, WA.

Leaning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of the challenges attending physicians face when working within the industrial insurance system while effectively managing complex medical cases. Improve communication between APs and VRCs. Better understand the medical necessity of certain diagnostic procedures. Better understand the use and misuse of narcotic pain medication for chronic pain?

Rich Wilson, CRC *Vocational Improvement Project – How are we doing so far?*

Rich Wilson is Program Manager for Return-to-Work Services for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. He is responsible for vocational services provided to workers and employers covered under Washington workers' compensation. Rich is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and an IARP member. Rich provided vocational rehabilitation counseling services to a number of client populations over a fifteen year period prior to coming to State Department of Labor and Industries in 2000.

Leaning Objective: Inform attendees' of current outcomes and progress being made with the State initiated Vocational Improvement Project (VIP).

Thomas E. Williamson-Kirkland, M.D. *“Red Flag” Diagnoses in Workers Compensation Injuries, that if not managed properly, can lead to prolonged disability.*

Dr. Williamson-Kirkland graduated from the University of Washington Medical school, completed a residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the University of Washington and spent two years in the navy. He then returned to the University of Washington as an assistant professor for 5 years before going to the Virginia Mason Clinic where he started the Pain Management Program, which was at Virginia Mason Clinic for 23 years. He retired from Virginia Mason in 2007 and is now doing IMEs part time.

Leaning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of “Red Flag” medical diagnoses in worker compensation that if not managed properly can lead to prolonged disability.



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Dave Kaplan *Initiative 1082; Understanding the pros and cons for privatizing worker's compensation insurance.*

Dave Kaplan is the Executive Director of the Washington Self-Insurers Association, a position he has held since January 2001. WSIA represents those 365 organizations in Washington State that self-insure their workers' compensation risk. He has been with WSIA for over 16 years, previously serving the Association as legislative analyst and then operations manager.

Leaning Objective: Increase attendees' understanding of initiative 1082. Initiatives 1082, if passed by vote this Fall, will allow private insurance companies to offer Washington state employers workers compensation insurance policies, making Washington a “three-way” state. Dave will present information that expresses potential benefits to passing Initiative1082.

Katherine Mason *Initiative 1082; Understanding the pros and cons for privatizing worker's compensation insurance.*

Katherine has been practicing law in Washington state since 1999. Her professional experience includes service with the Attorney General's office representing the Department of Labor and Industries. She has worked on the defense side of the bar representing hospitals in medical malpractice cases. Since 2002, Katherine's career home has been representing injured workers. Katherine will present information that expresses concerns about Initiative1082 and privatizing workers compensation.

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