

SUBJECT: April 2012 Who's on Board & Program News

Dear Members and Supporters,

Please welcome the following contractors who made the decision to "COME ON BOARD" the Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP) effective *April 1, 2012*:

Aid Electric Company
Arnt Construction Company, Inc.
Berg Painting, LLC (effective 3/1/12)
Berg Plastering, LLC
Commercial Kitchen Services, Inc.
Dalbec Roofing, Inc.
Faircon Service Company
Legends Concrete, Inc.
Schaefer Hardwood Flooring, Inc.

We are also pleased to announce that the following captive insurance group became a sponsoring insurance provider effective *April 1, 2012*:

RCI – Minnesota, administered by Berkeley Risk Administrators

WELCOME ABOARD!

To see a complete list of our participating contractors, unions and insurance providers please click on the following link.

<http://www.ucwcp.com/documents/Contractors%20G.%20Whos%20on%20Board.pdf>

Quotes to Note

"Anderson Agency Insurance (and Minnesota Comp Advisors) has been a supporter of the Union Construction Workers' Compensation Program (UCWCP) since it began back in 1997 for all the reasons outlined in its mission: resolving benefit disputes quickly and fairly; using only 'best in class' physicians and rehabilitation providers; and reducing the cost of insurance premiums for union contractors. However, I think the UCWCP's greatest contribution is to the injured tradesperson, who can easily get dragged into Minnesota's complicated statutory system, delaying their return to the trade with possibly no return to work at all. The UCWCP's practice of 'getting to the heart of the issue' in a matter of hours or days keeps all parties to a claim focused on the highest outcome: a return to the pre-injury job and wage for the long term."

**-Shaun Irwin, CPCU, RPLU, President
Anderson Agency**

"This Program focuses on common sense solutions to whatever problems occur. Workers' Compensation insurance is paid by employers as a benefit for their employees, and this Program allows labor and management to discuss their mutual concerns regarding an expensive and complicated benefit system."

- Rich Wynne, Chapter Manager, NECA-St. Paul Chapter

To review or print other quotes from our participants please click on the following links:

Contractors:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/documents/Contractors%20E.%20Employer%20Member%20Testimonials.pdf>

Union Leaders and Members:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/documents/Union%20Members%20-%20Testimonials.pdf>

Insurance Agents and Carriers:

<http://www.ucwcp.com/documents/Contractors%20F.%20Agent-Insurer%20Testimonials.pdf>

Just 3 ½ months after a nearly fatal injury he began his return to the trades.

A carpenter was hanging drywall while up on a scaffold when he lost his balance and fell. He was taken to the HCMC Neurosurgery Trauma Unit by ambulance, and was admitted with a multiple diagnosis of traumatic brain injury, mild sub-dural and subarachnoid hemorrhages to the right frontal and temporal lobe regions, fractures to his neck, mid-back and ribs. He was transferred from intensive care to the head trauma rehabilitation facility. The Dispute Resolution Facilitator placed calls to the employee's family, the employer and the insurer upon receipt of the First Report of Injury to verify that every effort was being made to assist the parties involved in this case.

The insurer had approved all the recommended treatment and assigned a catastrophic nurse case manager (NCM) who monitored physical, occupational, recreational and speech therapies, along with neuropsychiatric care. The NCM stayed on the case after the carpenter's discharge and continued to monitor his progress.

Just 3 ½ months after his nearly fatal injury, he had recovered so well that he returned to his employer working half-days and with a prognosis of returning to full duty. The employee, his family, the employer and the insurer all cooperated with the medical team and the NCM to achieve a miraculous outcome.

CONTRACTOR TRAINING TOMORROW: *REMINDER*

A training session for the staff of participating contractors is scheduled for tomorrow, **April 10, 2012**, and will be held in Room 110 at our office at 3001 Metro Drive, Bloomington, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Attendees will get a deeper understanding of workers' compensation concepts and how the UCWCP helps reduce the financial impact of injuries on employers and their employees.

Dr. John L. Kipp, Occupational Health Physician, our featured speaker, will speak about the importance of properly using an Occupational Health Clinic and how to determine if an injury or illness is OSHA recordable.

If you have not yet made your RSVP contact Stephanie Fossum by email to sfossum@wilson-mcshane.com or call at (952) 814-7014 and let her know who from your company will be attending.

Training sessions for participating unions, insurers and insurance agencies can be arranged by contacting Kevin Gregerson at 952-851-3462.

We are here to help you!

The staff of the UCWCP is trained to answer your questions regarding program enrollment, program operations, and workers' compensation issues. Please call or send an email if you have a question or a problem.

Here is our contact information:

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Enjoy the beginning of a busy summer season,

Kevin Gregerson
Program Administrator