



LARP LINE

Louisiana Association of Rehabilitation Professionals

August 2012

A Message From Your Executive Director

By: David Tatman

We are very excited about the upcoming LARP Legislative Conference in Baton Rouge. The conference will be held on August 24, 2012 at the LABI Conference Center. We have a great lineup of speakers and topics. We will hear from the Director of the Louisiana Office of Worker's Compensation, Vice Chairman of the House Labor Committee and other major players in our industry. It is a great opportunity to get your required continuing education units along with your fellow vocational rehabilitation professionals while hearing from leaders in the industry. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about important changes in the law and in our industry.

During the most recent legislative session, Rep. Chris Broadwater filed HB 360 which provided for a reemployment and training fund for injured employees. The legislation would have established a special account in the Office of Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund, to be known as the Injured Employee Reemployment and Retraining Account. The Account would be funded through workers' compensation penalties and would have been subject to appropriation by the legislature and used exclusively to fund reeducation and retraining for injured employees. It would pertain to employees who have a workers' compensation claim in Louisiana and who otherwise qualify pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 23:1226(E); and to fund grants to eligible employers to assist an injured employee to return to work sooner. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for an injured employee to replace the skills that no longer serve him as a result of his injury and to assist certain employers to provide modified employment that will enable the injured employee to return to work before full recovery. The legislation was never debated in the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee due to concerns relative to the funding of the retraining program. As a result, Rep. Broadwater filed House Resolution 133, which requests the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council to study and propose funding sources for an employee re-employment and retraining program. This study will be important to the vocational rehabilitation community and we will be involved in an effort to develop this program. It is critical that the vocational rehabilitation community be involved in the final process of deciding how those retraining dollars would be used. We will be heavily involved in the conversation and will keep you up to date as the process moves forward.

The Office of Workers' Compensation is in the process of updating the medical reimbursement schedule. The initial phase will be to "clean up" the CPT codes that are antiquated and no longer being used. We expect to get the first draft of that effort very soon. It may be released through the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council in an upcoming meeting. The next phase will be an update of the medical reimbursement schedule. This update will generate a great deal of debate. We will be there to represent the interests of the vocational rehabilitation professionals across the State of Louisiana.

There are many important happenings in our industry. We are excited to have the opportunity to be together with industry leaders for the LARP Legislative Conference. We hope to see you on August 24th in Baton Rouge. Please stay tuned for information from your association. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Keli Williams (keli@tatmangroup.com) or David Tatman (david@tatmangroup.com).

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Summer Message From Your President, Dot Moffett-Douglas

Greetings for the end of summer and all this hot weather. Join us to learn and relax at the LARP 2012 Legislative Seminar to be held at the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) in Baton Rouge Friday August 24, 8:00 AM to 12:45 PM. Your LARP Board members and Lobbyist David Tatman have been working hard to line up an interesting panel of speakers.

Some developments at the National IARP level include the introduction of mentoring programs for student members and expansion of the IARP Connect website. LARP has plans to construct our own webpage at this site where we could add important dates and archive our by laws.

Also the IARP International Conference will be October 25-27, 2012 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The theme is "Waves of Change" and is the only conference sponsored by IARP this year. This meeting will combine all the aspects of IAPR and International Speakers with a lot of Ethics Hours available. Several of our members plan to attend.

I hope to see you at the August 24th Legislative Seminar in Baton Rouge and the March 2013 Conference in Metairie. If you have questions, comments or complaints please call my direct line at 985-630-4866.

Dot Moffett-Douglas, President
2012-2013

Membership Report:

We currently have 80
members.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account:
waiting on Sherylann

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A Message From Your Membership Chair

The LARP Board is currently working as a group to encourage new members to join LARP/IARP in addition to encouraging past members to renew their LARP/IARP Membership

Being a member of LARP and IARP exposes professionals in our industry to other professionals allowing them to network. As a LARP member, individuals can attend for a discounted fee two conferences to include the legislative conference held in the fall and the LARP Annual Conference held in the spring. In addition to attending the conferences where continuing education credits can be obtained, members also are sent notices from the LARP lobbyist regarding updates in reference to legislation which can have an impact on our industry.

LARP Donations

If you would like to make a donation to LARP, please send a check made payable to LARP and mail to:

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553,
New Orleans, LA 70125



LARP 2012 Legislative Seminar

SPONSOR: THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

LABI CONFERENCE CENTER – 3113 VALLEY CREEK DR., BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70898

2012 LARP Legislative Seminar

8:00am to 12:45pm

August 24, 2012

* PROGRAM GOALS AND TOPICS *

To provide advanced educational content for rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation nurses, case managers, insurance claims professionals, and allied health care professionals on current issues encountered in daily professional practice.

* WHO SHOULD ATTEND *

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Rehabilitation Nurses, Case Managers, Insurance Claims Professionals, and Allied Health Care Professionals/Therapists

* PROGRAM LOCATION *

Louisiana Association of Business & Industry Conference Center,
3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, LA
Phone: (225) 928-5388

* REGISTRATION FEE *

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$65 (member) \$80 (non-member) –
received by August 17, 2012

Registrations received after 8/17/2012 and onsite (if available):
\$80 (member) \$100 (non-member)

* CEU's *

Applied for 4 continuing education hours from the following
organizations: CCM, LRC, and CRC

* ACCOMMODATIONS *

Limited seating is available – please register early. If space is
available, on-site registration will be permitted.

* PARKING *

On-site parking is available at the conference center at no cost.

* SPONSORS *

LARP thanks Baton Rouge Physical Therapy – Lake for sponsoring
breakfast for this event.

* AGENDA *

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast

Breakfast Sponsored by: Baton Rouge Physical Therapy - Lake

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

David Tatman, LARP Lobbyist & Steve Deist, LARP Legislative Chair
"Overview of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session and Vocational Rehabilitation"

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Chris Broadwater, Louisiana State House of Representatives for District 86
"Worker's Compensation Issues During the 2012 Regular Legislative Session."

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Wes Hataway, Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation
"Update on Medical Treatment Guidelines and Reimbursement Schedule"

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Panel:

Steve Glusman, Glusman Broyles & Glusman, Troy Prevot, LUBA Worker's
Comp, Bob Gisclair, Gisclair & Associates, Paul Melancon, Baton Rouge
Physical Therapy

"The Role of Rehab Counselors and Job Analysis Approval"

* HOW TO REGISTER *

Please return registration form with full payment to the address indicated.
Pre-registration is requested, as limited space is available. For more information,
please contact Sherylann Bennett at (504) 220-4717.

* MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION *

For membership information, visit www.rehabpro.org or contact Jeanne Tarver at
jeannetarver@gmail.com.

* CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY *

100% will be available for requests made on or before August 12, 2012. After
that date, credit toward another conference will be given.

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2012 LARP Legislative Seminar

August 24, 2012

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