Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2014

Joint Meeting with the Medical Review Board

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) and the Medical Review Board (MRB) met on October 27, 2014, in Alexandria, VA. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the meeting was open to the public. On behalf of the MCSAC and MRB, Steve Owings, MCSAC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. FMCSA Acting Administrator, T. F. Scott Darling, III, provided opening remarks and noted new and retiring members of the Committee and Board. Acting Administrator Darling nominated John Lannen to be the new MCSAC Vice Chairman, for consideration by the MCSAC.

The following individuals attended the meeting:

**MCSAC MEMBERS**

Stephen Owings, Chairman, President, Road Safe America

Scott Hernandez, Vice Chairman, Chief, Colorado State Patrol

Rob Abbott, Vice President of Safety Policy, American Trucking Associations (*Tuesday Only*)

LaMont Byrd, Director of Health and Safety, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Gary Catapano, Senior Vice President of Safety, First Student, Inc.

Paul Claunch, Major, Arkansas Highway Police

Bill Dofflemyer, Captain, Maryland State Police

Bruce Hamilton, President, Amalgamated Transit Union

Daniel Hoff (surrogate for Pete Pantuso), Director of Government Affairs, American Bus Association

Henry Jasny, General Counsel, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

John Lannen, Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition

Jane Mathis, Parents Against Tired Truckers

Robert Mills, Officer, Fort Worth, TX, Police Department

Janice Mulanix, Assistant Chief, Enforcement and Planning Division, California Highway Patrol

Donald Osterberg, Senior Vice President, Schneider National, Inc.

David Parker, Senior Legal Counsel, Great West Casualty Company

Calvin Studivant, Motorcoach Operator, Community Coach

Jeff Tippit (surrogate for Danny Schnautz), Clark Freight Lines, Inc.

Todd Spencer, Executive Vice President, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

Tami Fredrich Trakh, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways

**MRB MEMBERS**

Gina C. Pervall, M.D., C.I.M.E., Chairman

Christine M. Cisneros, M. D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

Michael T. Kelley, M.D., M.P.H.

Brian T. Morris, M.D., J.D., M.B.A., M.P.H.

Albert James Osbahr, III, M.D., M.S.

**FMCSA AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES**

T. F. Scott Darling, III, Acting Administrator, FMCSA

Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy and Designated Federal Officer (DFO), FMCSA

Martin Walker, Ph.D., Chief, Research Division, FMCSA

Shannon Watson, Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy DFO, FMCSA

Bill Morgan, Alcohol and Drug Specialist, FMCSA

Ric Wood, Attorney Advisor, FMCSA

Eileen Nolan, Nurse Consultant and MRB Liaison, FMCSA

Eran Segev, USDOT, Volpe Center

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Ryan Bowley, OOIDA

Adrienne Buggs, M.D., USCG

Richard L. Cofer, EEI

Todd Dills, Overdrive

Tom Ditzler, J.J. Keller

Fred Fakkema, Zonar Systems

Katherine Fiedler, Ph.D., Acclaro Research

Fred Myatt, Zurich NA

Oliver Patton, Heavy Duty Trucking

Mitchell A. Garber, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.M.E

Rodney Peele, AOA

Abigail Potter, ATA

Sarah Powers, ICF International

Alan Smith, Greyhound

Brian Vickers, IAM

Ronna Webber, NSTA

Rich Wilson, TCRF Consulting

Thaddeus Woody, NAFA Fleet

Ivanna Yang, American Association for Justice

**REMARKS AND COMMITTEE ACTION**

MCSAC and MRB members reviewed the Driver Medication Questionnaire prepared by the MRB and approved it as follows: 17 in favor; 3 against (Brian Morris; Todd Spencer; Rob Abbott); with 1 abstention (Henry Jasney). Jeff Tippit and Daniel Hoff were non-voting alternates.

MCSAC and MRB members reviewed the MRB Recommendations on Schedule II Controlled Substances, and approved the recommendations as follows: 19 in favor; 2 against (Todd Spencer; LaMont Byrd).

The two boards then developed and unanimously approved the following language for insertion in the MRB Recommendations on Schedule II Controlled Substances, Section III (Education):

C.   FMCSA should provide the following educational statement to Certified Driver Medical Examiners (CDME) regarding over-the counter medications:  CDMEs should discuss with a driver relevant over-the-counter medications that may have side effects that could adversely affect a driver’s ability to safely operate a CMV.

D.   FMCSA should develop an educational brochure that CDMEs or employers could provide to drivers to educate them regarding over-the-counter medications that may have side effects that could adversely affect a driver’s ability to safely operate a CMV.

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Sleeper Berth Pilot Program Research and Driver Fatigue*

Martin Walker, Ph.D., Chief, Research Division, FMCSA

*Schedule II Opioids and Stimulants and CMV Crash Risk and Driver Performance*

Katherine Fiedler, Ph.D., Acclaro, Inc.

*Schedule II Opioids and Stimulants: Recommendations from the Medical Expert Panel*

Mitchell A. Garber, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.M.E., Engineering Systems, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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Scott Hernandez

Chairman, MCSAC

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Gina C. Pervall

Chairman, MRB

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Larry W. Minor

Designated Federal Officer, MCSAC