

Navigating Workers' Compensation

Thursday, September 23, 2010

8:30 AM – 4 PM

8:30 AM registration, 9:00 AM Opening Session

SEIU 1199, 100 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, NY

A conference sponsored by the Long Island Federation of Labor, NYCOSH and LIOEHC. The program will include:

New Developments and Future Challenges:

Art Wilcox, New York State AFL-CIO: Director of the Public Employee Division of the New York State AFL-CIO; a member of the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board; and lead negotiator for the NYS AFL-CIO on the NYS Insurance Department Task Forces concerning workers' compensation issues.

Elain Sobol Berger, MD, JD: Associate Medical Director and Senior Policy Advisor
New York State Workers' Compensation Board.

Workshops on Core Issues for Workers and Unions:

Strategies for Improving Worker Awareness and Filing Rates

This workshop will address strategies for boosting worker access to workers compensation information and benefits, countering misinformation and misconceptions, and challenging employer programs that focus on behavioral safety or substitute "safety bingo" type programs for real solutions to hazards.

Reducing Negative Impacts and Boosting Positive Outcomes

This session will look at the shifting of costs from workers compensation to union health and welfare funds; the increased pressure on workers and bargaining units when work-related injuries and illness exacerbate staffing and related issues; and worker stress and member dissatisfaction with workers compensation. We will also look at the use of workers' compensation data to improve safety and health and collective bargaining issues.

Workshop Speakers Will Include:

- **Robert Grey**, Grey & Grey, LLP; **Erin McCabe**, Fusco, Brandenstein, Rada, PC; Union representatives, Linda Cocchiarella, M.D., Director, Long Island Occupational and Environmental Health Center (LIOEHC).

Mock Hearing

How a workers' compensation case is built can determine if and when the case goes to a hearing. Examining how hearings play out can provide invaluable lessons to workers, unions and advocates on how to construct strong cases and avoid pitfalls. Our mock WCB hearing will be both entertaining and instructive.

(Registration information on reverse)

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Register Now:

Registration includes materials, morning coffee break and lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Workplace/Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

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