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Inspector General Randall J. Meyer
Office of the Inspector General
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Re: File ID No. 2012- CA00079
Response to Report of Investigation Report Issued June 27, 2013

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Industrial Commission Nominating Council (ICNC) has completed its review of your office's recommendations contained in the above-referenced report. I respectfully submit this response to the recommendations outlined in that report.

Recommendation #1: Review the conduct of Michael Travis and determine whether administrative action or discipline is warranted.

Response: ICNC scheduled a hearing for July 24, 2013 to determine whether Mr. Travis should be removed from office. Before that hearing could go forward, Mr. Travis resigned his position. On July 24, the ICNC accepted Mr. Travis' resignation.

Recommendation #2: Develop and implement policies for the Workers' Compensation Ombudsperson System.

Response: At its July 24, 2013 meeting, the ICNC discussed the legislative and rule changes that need to be made. At this meeting, the ICNC passed the following resolution proposing a statutory change that would create a new R.C. 4121.45 (E) which would read:

"The rules for their employees adopted by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Industrial Commission pursuant to R.C. 4121.122 shall apply to the ombudspersons and the employees of the ombudsperson system. The IC Nominating Counsel may supplement these rules with operating manuals as to the policies and procedures of the ombudsperson system."

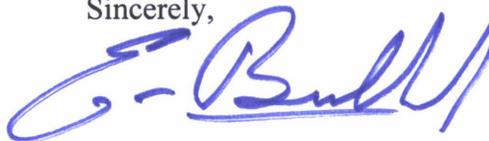
Recommendation #3: The ICNC should develop and implement policies and procedures to actively participate in the oversight of the Workers' Compensation Ombudsperson System.

Response: See response to Recommendation #2. Pursuant to enactment of such a proposed statutory change, the ICNC intends to adopt policies and procedures that will allow it to monitor the daily work and activities of the office.

Recommendation #4: Seek clarification of the ICNC's role over the actions of the chief ombudsperson and the assistant ombudsperson.

Response: See response to Recommendation #2. The intent of the statutory amendment proposed is to enforce the authority of the ICNC over the actions of the chief ombudsperson, the assistant ombudsperson and the ombudsperson system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Burkland". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "E" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric Burkland
Chair, ICNC

cc. Samuel Porter, Esq.

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Response to Report of Investigation dated June 27, 2013

Inspector General Meyer:

The Industrial Commission has reviewed the Inspector General's report (File ID Number 2012-CA00079) and provides this response, detailing the Agency's plan to implement its recommendation:

Inspector General's Recommendation #1

1. The Industrial Commission should review the conduct of Allison Travis and determine whether administrative action or discipline is warranted.

Industrial Commission Response:

The Ohio Industrial Commission (OIC) reviewed Ms. Travis' conduct and determined that her conduct warranted administrative action. Therefore, relying upon R.C. 124.11 and Ohio Adm.Code 123:47-01(A)(82), the OIC removed Ms. Travis from her unclassified position on June 28, 2013.

If you have any additional questions or need more information, please contact me at (614) 466-5733.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Bainbridge, Chairman
Ohio Industrial Commission