

President's Message

by Greg Wren



I can hardly believe that we are already well into the month of May. Many of you have probably decided what to do for Memorial Day, which is right around the corner and marks the unofficial start of summer.

Your summer plans surely will include a number of leisure activities, but hopefully you will be on hand to enjoy some top-flight professional learning/networking/social opportunities that OCRIMS is offering from June through August.

Our series of education luncheons will continue in June and August. More information on the June luncheon is included in this newsletter. The August luncheon is one we look forward to every year, as it is a joint meeting with Orange Empire Society of the CPCU. This annual meeting is always a great time for us to renew old friendships as well as make new ones while gaining insight into interesting topics that apply to both organizations.



Sandwiched between the June and August lunch meetings is our Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 20 at Coyote Hills Golf Course in Fullerton. Not only is this a great fundraiser for our Chapter, but it always proves to be one of the most enjoyable and popular events of the year. We are pleased to be returning to the beautiful surroundings of Coyote Hills, which has earned a reputation as one of the best courses in Southern California. More information is available for sponsorships and player sign-ups in this newsletter and on our website.

Another upcoming event to mark on your calendar is the RIMS Western Regional Conference taking place September 24th to 27th in San Francisco. OCRIMS strongly supports the Western Regional Conference, and more details about the agenda and registration will be provided in this newsletter as they become available. The 2017 theme is "Incubation to Innovation," and the focus will be on providing relevant tools to mitigate risk, along with allowing risk managers to connect and network with each other.

Having looked ahead to what's happening in the coming months, I want to close by saying that I hope everyone who attended the RIMS Annual Conference April 23-26 in Philadelphia had a great time and learned a lot. See inside this newsletter for pictures and write-ups pertaining to the conference.

Get ready for summer fun on your own and with OCRIMS!

Sincerely, Greg Wren

**OCRIMS MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH:
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST CONTAINMENT PROGRAM:
THE KEY TO ROI AND COST SAVINGS**

Speaker: Maureen Kohl Mahoney, M.S., CCM, CDMS, CPUR, CRC

Link to register: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=kbpbmeab&oeidk=a07ee6dg2526efd183d>

See details on the next page



Tuesday, June 13, 2017
OCRIMS Monthly Lunch Meeting

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THE KEY TO ROI AND COST SAVINGS**

Speaker: Maureen Kohl Mahoney, M.S., CCM, CDMS, CPUR, CRC
Time: 11:30 a.m. – Social Gathering/Reception Noon – Lunch 12:40 p.m. – Program 1:30 p.m. – Adjourn
Where: Orange Hill Restaurant, 6410 E. Chapman in Orange
Cost: \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers with reservation by 4:00 p.m. on Thurs., June 8th
\$10 for students with a valid identification
\$50 for late reservations/walk-ins. (Walk-ins are not guaranteed a meal.)

Online registration is now available for Chapter events!



Click the following link to go to the registration page, where you can enter your contact information and select the payment method.

Want to go to the head of the line? Pay online, and bring your receipt.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?lr=kpbplmeab&oeidk=a07ee6dg2526efd183d>



Note: OCRIMS will send a follow-up email regarding registration to addresses pulled from the RIMS Message Center database, and your contact preferences must be set to “Yes” in the database to receive the announcement via email. If you’ve received this newsletter by direct email, you probably have your contact preferences set to “Yes” in the database, but if you want to make sure, follow the simple steps outlined under “OCRIMS Database Management System,” as indicated on the next to last page of the newsletter. Contact Zareen Morrison at (714)376-3756 with any questions regarding the registration process.

Cost Containment services are the engine behind the workers’ compensation claims department. These services are critical to the control of medical care and related costs. This presentation will include a review of the important questions you should ask your cost-containment vendor about each product they deliver.

We will cover Utilization Review, Bill Review, MPN/PPO, Pharmacy Benefit Management and Case Management services. We will discuss the need to review management reports on a continuous basis to identify areas of concern or opportunities for improvement in the delivery of service. We will discuss areas of focus when reviewing these reports and how to use the information to enhance your programs. Finally, you will learn the value of an annual audit of Cost Containment services. Why? Because you want to ensure services are delivered consistently, maximum cost savings are obtained, and appropriate fees are charged for services. An annual audit assures that you receive the maximum benefit from your cost containment program.

JUNE MEETING SPEAKER BIO

Maureen Kohl Mahoney is a Southern California-based managed care consultant with 30 years of experience in workers’ compensation. She possesses extensive knowledge related to all workers’ compensation cost-containment products. She is a Certified Case Manager (CCM), Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS), Certified Professional in Utilization Review (CPUR) and a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC). She is also a published writer, experienced speaker and educator in workers’ compensation and disability management. As a consultant, Maureen’s goal has been to help payers and employers understand cost-containment services and utilize them effectively to improve claims outcomes and decrease workplace injury. She has created customized case management, medical bill review and utilization review programs for payers, and also conducted audits of large workers’ compensation managed care programs.



CONTACT PERSON FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cristin McAllister is the contact person for employment

opportunities. If you have information or questions regarding employment opportunities, contact Cristin at (949)381-4515. With sufficient notice, OCRIMS will print relevant job openings in the monthly newsletters.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Share your creative solutions, ideas, etc. with the risk management community by contributing an article to the OCRIMS newsletter. Articles need to be submitted to Zachary Gifford by the 10th of each month to be considered for publication. To submit an article, please contact Zach at zgifford@calstate.edu or (562)951-4568. Don't be shy; we'd love to hear from you!

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WITH OCRIMS IN 2017!**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

OCRIMS Calendar

June 13, 2017

OCRIMS MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING

Workers' Compensation Cost Containment Program: the Key to ROI and Cost Savings

Speaker: Maureen Kohl Mahoney, Consultant

Location: Orange Hill Restaurant in Orange

July 20, 2017

OCRIMS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign up now as a player or sponsor

Location: Coyote Hills Golf Course, Fullerton



August 8, 2017

OCRIMS/ORANGE EMPIRE CPCU

JOINT LUNCH MEETING

Stay Tuned for Full Details

Speakers: to be determined

Location: Orange Hill Restaurant in Orange

OCRIMS DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

OCRIMS maintains its contact database through the RIMS Message Center. To stay abreast of the happenings in the OC, make sure that you are registered through the RIMS Message Center, that your RIMS profile is up to date, and that you have selected your desired preferences. You do not even need to be a member of RIMS to take advantage of this great tool.

Here's the link:

<http://www1.rims.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=verify>. The Chapter affiliation is at the very bottom, so be sure to choose **OCRIMS**.



HOW TO CHANGE YOUR RIMS PROFILE—Log onto www.rims.org and scroll down at the **Membership** tab. In the category that says "My RIMS," click on "My Contact Information." On the information page, click "Edit." At this point if you have not already logged into your RIMS account, it will ask you to login. Then update your information and click "Save." It's that easy!

Remember that **OCRIMS** provides ideal opportunities for you to stay at the forefront of risk management, and networking is a key component, as is remaining informed on what's happening in our industry—the Message Center allows you to do that. If you have any difficulty with the RIMS Message Center, please contact dianarich@earthlink.net.

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JUNE 13TH – OCRIMS MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING

