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Meeting Minutes

Legislative Update and Discussion: Lara Flynn – regional representative for Senator Casey

- The GAC discussed local pipeline issues, and asked about Senator Casey's position on the pipelines and gas drilling in general. We discussed what was the general process for having effective input with government officials for current and future issues like the pipelines.
- Lara discussed Senator Casey's priorities over the past year. He is on committees for Aging; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Finance; and Agriculture. Some priorities include the SNAP program, protecting Social Security and Medicare, and infrastructure.
- The GAC questioned Lara about government financing of environmental issues, especially PFOA and PFOS contamination of water supplies near federal air bases. Lara stated that the recently passed omnibus spending budget included specific amounts in the Defense budget for studying and cleaning up those specific chemicals. This includes \$44 million to the Air Force and \$44 million to the Navy.
- Lara will send us a follow-up document highlighting Senator Casey's priorities and accomplishments over the past year and looking forward.

Legislative Issues Discussed:

- Pennsylvania overtime regulations – Governor Wolf proposing new rules in PA to replace the Federally proposed changes that failed. New rules would increase the wage-level threshold requiring employers to pay overtime to salaried workers (PA only), and increase the thresholds automatically every three years.
- Pennsylvania Redistricting – The re-drawn legislative boundary map will have a big impact on elections, especially the 6th District in the PA House of Reps.
- Opioid formulary bill – Formulary for better management of allowable prescriptions covered under Workers' Comp. – Coming up for a vote in April.

Reviewed April Luncheon: Human Resources Hot Topics

- Feedback received is that the information was relevant and useful. All agreed.
- Most interesting topic was medical marijuana in the workplace.
- Expecting to receive follow-up information regarding Employment Practices Liability Insurance, as well as the other topics covered by the speakers.