

**SUMMARY OPEN MINUTES  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
September 5, 2007**

Members Present: Kevin Ogden, Lora Duzyk, Mark Anderson, Joyce LaFleur, Janice Cook, Erik Olson Fernandez, Sam Wong, Bill Kowba, Lois Shive, Ed Nelson, Elizabeth Ahlgren, David Fernandez, Doretha Albee, John deBeck, Steve Kaplan

Absent: Jesus Gandara

Administrator: George McGregor, Gina Lane, Annemieke Tomey

Consultant: Ron Mason, Susan Giesting, Lan Brown

Guests: Betty Ormsbee, Richard Muniz (PacifiCare), Denise Joyce (PacifiCare), Todd Torgerson (Sweetwater Union High School District), Jessica Ghaemmaghami (PBH), Ronnie Adair, Deric Fernandez (Aetna), Cynthia Haro (Aetna), Michael Kin (Kaiser), Sally Kuchik, Cathy Arana, Nancy White, Barbara Severino, Shannon Hoffman, Kimberly Atkins (EUHSD/ESTA CTA)

The meeting was opened at 8:00 a.m.  
There was a quorum present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**CO-CHAIRS REPORT:** Steve Kaplan introduced Sam Wong, the new VEBA Board member from San Diego Unified as of September 10<sup>th</sup> and thanked William Kowba for his work on the Board. Introductions were made all around.

**MINUTES:**

\***MOTION:** (Lois Shive) that the OPEN minutes of August 8, 2007, Board meeting be approved. Seconded by Lora Duzyk and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Committee Reports

**California Health Care Coalition (CHCC)**

George McGregor reported that CHCC has still not heard back from Sharp Hospital regarding their request for a meeting.

**California Public Employers Employees Health Care Coalition (CPEEHCC)**

Nothing to report.

**California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS)**

Shive reported that the CalSTRS Health Benefits Task Force Report was delayed as only 45% of the Districts responded and that they were currently in the analysis phase only.

**Lag Schedule Review**

Ron Mason presented information on RX only. (He has no lag schedule review at this time because he did not receive medical claims information). Ron said that he had all retiree rates in.

**Communications Update**

Susan Giesting gave a progress report of the VEBA Communications Strategy as of September 2007 including Communications Council activities, Advocacy Programs support, VEBAOnline updates and 16 Single Topic informational insets to assist with the 2008 Open Enrollment. Web trends show that VEBAOnline had 1600 visits in August.

**Health Advocacy programs Review**

Nancy White gave status updates on the Advocacy Office, Best Doctors, a Health Initiatives Discount Program Proposal, and the Provider Education Program on Depression (partnering with UBH/PBH).

**Executive Committee Report**

June 2007 Financials

**\*MOTION:** (Doretha Albee) that the June 2007 financial statements be approved as submitted. Seconded by John deBeck and approved.

2007 Revised Budget

George McGregor reviewed the revised 2007 budget, explaining that there was better Rx performance, greater MedCo rebates, and VEBA was exceeding investment expectations which resulted in a surplus of funds.

**\*MOTION:** (John deBeck) that the 2007 revised budget be approved as submitted. Seconded Doretha Albee and approved.

2008 Budget

George McGregor reviewed the 2008 budget, along with a listing of revenue and expense assumptions and non-budgeted items.

**\*MOTION:** (Lois Shive) that the 2008 budget and assumptions be approved as submitted. Seconded Kevin Ogden and approved.

2008 Board Meeting Schedule

George McGregor reviewed the proposed 2008 meeting schedule with the Board.

**\*MOTION:** (Doretha Albee) that the 2008 schedule be approved with the following change: The annual retreat will take place on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts with the 16<sup>th</sup> being the Superintendents Annual Meeting. Seconded by Janice Cook and approved.

**MedCo Audit**

George McGregor reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007 MedCo Pharmacy Audit Report with the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

Carrier comments

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be held October 3, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the San Diego County Office of Education.