

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)
December 3, 2008**

Members Present: Co-Chair Ed Nelson, Co-Chair Steve Kaplan, Ronnie Adair, Elizabeth Ahlgren, Doretha Albee, Janice Cook, John deBeck, Lora Duzyk, Thomas Eggleston, David Fernandez, Kevin Ogden

Absent: Mark Anderson, Jesus Gandara, Joyce LaFleur, Sam Lucero, Erik Olson Fernandez

Administrative Staff: George McGregor, Rebeca Aspe, Betty Ormsbee, Barbara Severino, Sherrie Shumaker, Annemieke Tomey, Nancy White, Bob Whiting

Consultants: Ron Mason, Lan Brown, Susan Giesting

Guests: Laura Bowersox (ESTA Escondido High), Edwina Cardenas (Kaiser), Sandra Chambers (Kaiser), Gloria Feldman (Medco), Jessica Ghaemmaghami (PacifiCare Behavioral Health), Megan Newkirk (UnitedHealthcare), Kim Rizzuti (Best Doctors), Linda Townley (PacifiCare),

The meeting was called to order by Ed Nelson at 8:01 a.m.

Minutes:

MOTION: (Lora Duzyk) Approval of open-session minutes of November 5, 2008. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

Investment Summary:

Paul Tembe, Dowling & Yahnke, reported on the investment portfolio performance for the year. He recommended making no changes at this time.

Committee Reports:

California Health Care Coalition (CHCC)

- Steve Balentine replaced Cindy Young as Labor Co-Chair
- CHCC will move forward with quality report cards
- Data study indicates that substandard cardiac care is provided 44% of the time in California

California Public Employers/Employees Health Care Coalition (CPEEHCC)

- The agenda for the annual training conference will be finalized this week
- Board members should contact the VEBA Administrator's office for reservations

VEBA Executive Committee

The following items were forwarded from the VEBA Executive Committee for Board review and consideration:

- Action Item Summary
- September 2008 Financial Report

MOTION: (Ronnie Adair) Approval of the September 2008 Financial Statements and related schedules. Seconded by Doretha Albee and approved.

- Final Settlement Calculation 2007 Continuity of Care billed to VEBA, \$38,884.04. (Note: The amount is well below the original allowable amount capped at \$500,000.)

Consultants' Reports:

Ron Mason, Towers Perrin

- Provided a detailed claims update report on the VEBA medical and prescription drug plans
- Reviewed sections of the Health Care Quality Report Card prepared by the California Office of the Patient Advocate

Susan Giesting, Towers Perrin

- Distributed a draft version of a brochure intended to introduce VEBA to newly-elected San Diego County school board members. Recommended changes included adding information about the advocacy office and distributing the brochure to all school board members, both new and continuing
- Reported on the Best Doctors contest
- Reviewed activities underway and completed

Administrative Reports:

VEBA Advocacy Programs

- Disease Management Committee and Health and Fitness Champion Committee meetings announced for this afternoon, December 3, 2008
- Updates provided on ongoing programs
- Proposed a new CD featuring an individual describing their personal experience and successful outcomes when using Best Doctors

VEBA Ombudsman

- Reported organization visits, carrier meetings, district visits, and communication council meeting activities
- Reported on the well-attended and appreciated COBRA seminar held December 2, 2008

Carrier Comments:

Representatives from Kaiser and PacifiCare wished everyone a very happy holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. for a short break before commencement of closed session.

A Board retreat is scheduled for the next meeting. It will be held at Marina Village Conference Center on January 7, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.