

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)
April 1, 2009**

Members Present: Co-Chair Ed Nelson, Co-Chair Steve Kaplan, Ronnie Adair, Elizabeth Ahlgren, Doretha Albee, Mark Anderson, David Fernandez, Joyce LaFleur, Sam Lucero, Kim Myers, Kevin Ogden, Erik Olson Fernandez

Absent: Janice Cook, John deBeck, Lora Duzyk

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

Consultants: Ron Mason, Lan Brown

Legal Counsel: Hirsch Adell

Guests: Laura Bowersox (ESTA Escondido High), Sandra Chambers (Kaiser), Christopher Dick (UnitedHealthcare), Gloria Feldman (Medco), Jessica Ghaemmaghami (PBH/Optum), Terri Lynn (Kaiser), Todd Torgerson (Sweetwater Union High), Linda Townley (United)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Kaplan at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes:

MOTION: (Mark Anderson) Approval of open-session minutes of March 4, 2009. Seconded by Ronnie Adair and approved.

Committee Reports:

VEBA Executive Committee

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

- **California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform (CECHCR):** *Sample Resolution Language Health Care Costs, 2009-2010*, was forwarded to the Board from the VEBA Executive Committee without recommendation

MOTION: (David Fernandez) Adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Ronnie Adair. With consent of Fernandez and Adair, the motion was amended to indicate applicability to K-14. The motion was approved. It was agreed that the adopted resolution should be sent to CECHCR, elected representatives, and the governor.

- **California Health Care Coalition (CHCC):** *San Diego Quality Assurance Collaborative: A Proposal to Organize and Finance a Sustainable, Locally Controlled Quality Assurance Program for and with CHCC Members.* The VEBA Executive Committee recommended approval of the formation of the San Diego Quality Assurance Collaborative and expenditure of \$150,000.

MOTION: (Doretha Albee) Approval of the Executive Committee's recommendation. Seconded by Ed Nelson and approved.

- Action Item Summary
- Year-end, 2008 Financial Report

MOTION: (Doretha Albee) Approval of the December 2008, Schedule 3, Disbursement Report and submission of the 2008 year-end report to the external auditor. Seconded by Ronnie Adair and approved.

Consultant's Reports:

Ron Mason, Towers Perrin

Detailed claims update report on VEBA medical and prescription drug plans was presented.

Administrative Reports:

VEBA Advocacy Programs

- Higher than expected participation in Strength Challenge program and health coaching for high risk individuals
- Plexiglas frames supplied by Best Doctors and first *Get Smart* insert being distributed to member districts
- Sample of new PacifiCare *Your Health Guide* provided

VEBA Ombudsman

- Report of organization visits, carrier meetings, district visits, Communication Council meeting, and prospecting activities provided
- HIPAA/FMLA/COBRA Stimulus seminar announced for April 8, 2009

VEBA Administrator

- Report of communications activities underway and completed was noted
- Selection of the person to fill the VEBA communications position was announced

New Business:

- Medco rebate payment and back-up report received
- Letter received from UnitedHealthcare defining eligible expenses
- Letter received from Medco providing an update on class-action settlements

Other:

- Status of San Diego Unified Accounts Receivable Audit and the auditor's Representation Letter and draft audit report dated March 3, 2009, were discussed. Dissatisfaction with the accuracy of the report and responsiveness to requests for revisions was expressed
- Posting of the VEBA annual report on the VEBA website was announced

Carrier Comments:

Terri Lynn was introduced as the Kaiser Associate Account Manager for VEBA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

The next open-session meeting of the Board will occur in the afternoon on May 14, 2009.