

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)
February 3, 2010**

Members Present: Co-Chair Janice Cook, Elizabeth Ahlgren, John deBeck, Lora Duzyk, Joyce LaFleur, Ethel Larkins, Kim Myers, Ed Nelson, Kevin Ogden, Tim O'Neill, Erik Olson Fernandez, Sue Wybraniec

Absent: Mark Anderson, David Fernandez, Kevin Holt, Sam Lucero

Administrative Staff: Laura Harris, Betty Ormsbee, Sherrie Shumaker, Annemieke Tomey, Nancy White, Bob Whiting

Consultants: Ron Mason, Lan Brown, Susan Giesting

Guests: Ronnie Adair (San Diego Unified School District), Laura Bowersox (ESTA), Edwina Cardenas (Kaiser), Sandra Chambers (Kaiser), Christopher Dick (UnitedHealthcare), Gloria Feldman (Medco), Jessica Ghaemmaghami (PBH/Optum), Kim Rizzuti (Best Doctors), Todd Torgerson (Sweetwater Union High School District), Linda Townley (UnitedHealthcare)

The meeting was called to order by Janice Cook at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes:

MOTION: (Ed Nelson) Approval of open-session minutes of December 2, 2009. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

Joyce LaFleur noted that her name had been left off of the list of attendees at the IFEBP conference.

MOTION: (Ed Nelson) That the open-session minutes of December 2, 2009 be revised to include Joyce LaFleur's name on the list of attendees at the IFEBP conference. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

Committee Reports:

California Public Employers/Employees Health Care Coalition (CPEEHCC)

- A good annual training conference was reported
- Board members attending were Mark Anderson, David Fernandez, Joyce LaFleur, Ethel Larkins, Kim Myers, Ed Nelson, Tim O'Neill, and Sue Wybraniec

California Health Care Coalition

- The VEBA Board previously approved participating in a project with CHCC and the California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform (CECHCR) to promote a comprehensive effort opposing increases in health care costs during the fiscal crisis currently facing school districts
- A copy of a letter that will be sent to VEBA-participating districts was provided for Board review. Accompanying the letter will be a sample Resolution districts will be requested to adopt and return to the VEBA administrator for forwarding to CECHCR
- It was noted that the sample Resolution was not included. Erik Olson Fernandez said that he would forward the Resolution to Board members

Executive Committee

- The January 19, 2010 Executive Committee packet was provided including the November 2009 Financial Report which had been reviewed and forwarded for Board action

MOTION: (John deBeck) Approval of the November 30, 2009 Schedule 3 Disbursement Reports. Seconded by Joyce LaFleur and approved.

Executive Committee (continued)

- It was noted that George McGregor was appointed to assume CHCC's seat on the CHART Board.

Consultant's Report:

Ron Mason, Towers Watson, presented the following:

- Claims review of the medical and prescription plans
- The favorable experience on the Medicare Supplement Plan was noted with the suggestion that the VEBA might want to consider self-funding this plan at some time in the future
- Utilization review of the HMO and POS plans comparing 2009 to 2008
- Updated figures pertaining to the number of dual-coverage subscribers
- Knox-Keene language pertaining to dual-coverage situations (supplied by PacifiCare)

Administrative Reports:

VEBA Advocacy Programs

- Number of advocacy cases reported fourth quarter 2009 through January 15, 2010
- Weight Loss Challenge update
- Step Up to the Challenge final update

Communications

- New VEBA marketing piece presented
- Cooperative marketing piece with new logo presented

VEBA Ombudsman

- Organization, district visits and carrier meetings reported
- Communication Council meeting report including updates on the Co-Op and participation in a focus group discussion regarding the High Performance Network plan
- CPEEHCC conference attendance included 35 attendees from 14 school districts

IRS Letter Ruling Update

- An email from VEBA legal counsel's office to IRS inquiring on the status of the VEBA's request for a letter ruling has been sent (copy was included)
- Co-Chair David Fernandez and George McGregor have been able to schedule a meeting with the IRS this week in Washington D.C.

New Business:

A revised calendar for 2010 Executive Committee meetings was presented and accepted by Board members. Beginning in March 2010, meetings will be held 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays indicated on the meeting calendar.

Appreciation:

Kevin Ogden thanked Ed Nelson for serving as Co-Chair and for Janice Cook for assuming the Co-Chair position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. for a brief break prior to commencement of closed session.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., March 3, 2010, at the San Diego County Office of Education.