

Open Session Minutes
California Schools
Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA)
September 30, 2020
5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Shawana Grace, Ethel Larkins, Cindy Marten, Gregg Robinson, Ursula Salbato, Michael Simonson, Robin Watkins, Espie Medellin, Tamara Otero, Ron Reese, James Messina, Ronda Walen, Clark Hampton, Brian Duffy

Members Absent: Laura Bowen, Karl Mueller, Anne Staffieri

Consultant: Ron Mason (Tall Pine Consulting, LLC)

Administrative Staff: George McGregor, Annemieke Tomey, Matthew Bittner, , Dr. Tarane Sondoozi, Brenda Gomez, James Gaumer, Seth Eberhardt, Katherine Armstrong

Mentors: Patrick Prezioso, Brian Marshall

Guests: Ibis Rodriguez (KP), Amy Daily (ESI), Alyssa Golden (UHC); Lois Shive (North County CTA-R); Debbie Collins (KP), Mark Frey (KP); Sandra Ambrosi (SDEA-R)

1. Call to Order

The Open-Session meeting was called to order by Cindy Marten at 5:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Opening Comments from Co-Chairs

Cindy Marten welcomed everyone to the Open Session VEBA Board meeting.

3. Approve Minutes

Draft minutes of the August 26, 2020 Open Session Board meeting were reviewed.

After discussion,

**M/S/C: To accept the August 26, 2020 Open Session minutes.
(Esther Larkins/Ursula Salbato)**

4. Executive Committee Report

4a. Consent Agenda

- Draft 2019 Tax Returns (Forms 990, 199, 990T, 109)
- ESI Rebate Report - 1Q 2020
- July 2020 Financials

After detailed review and discussions of the above listed reports at the Executive Committee meetings, the Committee recommends board approval of the Consent Agenda items as well as making these reports part of the trust records.

After discussion,

M/S/C: Approval of the consent agenda items as presented.

(Mike Simonson/Ron Reese)

5. Administrator’s Report

5a. Virtual VRC Counts

George McGregor reviewed the most updated VRC Counts Report.

Visit Counts						
Date Range: Sep 1, 2020-Sep 15, 2020						
New Patients: Yes, No	Chart Locked Unlocked	Locked, Visits	Office Visits	Billable Appointments: Yes, No	Gender: Female, Male, Unknown	Notes Done: Yes, No
Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		
Group 4		Group 5		Group 6		

Month	Patient Count	% (Patient Count)	Visit Count	% (Visit Count)
September	341	100%	1,507	100%
Summary	341	100%	1,507	100%

5b. Advisory Council Meeting Debrief

George McGregor asked the Board if they would like to share their opinions regarding the Advisory Council Meeting. Cindy Marten thanked the McGregor staff for all of their hard work and mentioned that she received a lot of positive feedback. Robin Watkins said she enjoyed listening to individual Board members’ stories.

Other - Rules of Engagement

George McGregor briefly reviewed the history of the existing policy regarding information requests inside collective bargaining units. He mentioned that historically, information was not provided and both sides received inaccurate information from brokers. The Board then worked on a policy to improve the accuracy of information without getting involved in collective bargaining.

Matt Bittner reviewed the existing policy with the Board. The Board was asked if they are comfortable with continuing the process of sharing information only with the bargaining unit that has submitted a request and if VEBA releases an official report, it will then be shared with both sides. There were no objections.

6. Consultant’s Report

Ron Mason presented and reviewed the Claims Update which included the following topics:

- Prescription Drugs
- HMO: Minimum Premium

- HMO
- PPO CA
- PPO/EPO/Out of Area (non-CA participants)

7. Appendix Items

- a. September 2020 Communications Report
- b. 2019 Draft Tax Returns
- c. July 2020 Financials

The Open-Session was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next Open-Session meeting will be held on Wednesday – October 28th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.