

**Open Session Minutes**  
**California Schools**  
**Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA)**  
**October 30, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Laura Bowen, Shawana Grace, Ethel Larkins, James Messina, Leticia Munguia, Ron Reese, Gregg Robinson, Robin Watkins, Ronda Walen, Brian Duffy, Tim Glover, Cindy Marten, Tamara Otero, Ursula Salbato, Michael Simonson.

**Members Absent:** Clark Hampton, Karl Mueller.

**Consultant:** Ron Mason (Tall Pine Consulting, LLC) via conference call.

**Administrative Staff:** George McGregor, Annemieke Tomey, Matthew Bittner, Laura Josh, Dr. Michael Carey, Dr. Tarane Sondoozi, Heather Simonson, Andrea Krakower, Brenda Gomez, James Gaumer, Renee Wingert, Stephanie Yoshida, Suzanna Tomey, Paula Wilson.

**Mentors:** Brian Marshall; Patrick Prezioso.

**Guests:** Alyssa Golden (UHC); Sandra Ambrosi (SDEA-R); Amy Daily (ESI); Lois Shive and Dennis Shive (North County CTA-R).

**1 Call to Order**

The Open-Session meeting was called to order by Robin Watkins at 5:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

**2 Opening Comments from Co-Chairs**

Robin Watkins welcomed the Board Members, Consultant, Administrative Staff, and Guests. Robin Watkins thanked United Health Care and Kaiser for hosting appreciation dinners at the IFEBP Conference. Cindy Marten reported on the scheduled VRC tours and VEBA presentations to the Superintendents and Board of Directors at some of our San Diego County school districts.

**3 Approve Minutes**

Draft minutes of the September 25, 2019 Open-Session Board meeting were reviewed. Robin Watkins noted to have Ethel Larkins marked as absent as she was not present at the September 25, 2019 Open session board meeting. Brian Duffy noted that he was not listed as attendee even though he was present.

**MOTION:** [Shawana Grace] To accept the September 25, 2019 Open-Session minutes with the corrections. Seconded by Tim Glover and approved.

#### **4 Administrator's Report**

##### VEBA Financial Statements

Annemieke Tomey reviewed the VEBA financial statements, disbursement report, and VEBA Snapshot of Performance for August 2019.

**MOTION:** [Ron Reese] Approval of the financial statements and disbursements report for August 2019. Seconded by Tamara Otero and approved.

##### Med D Letter Mailing

George McGregor reported that the Med D Annual Compliance Letter was mailed out as required. There were no questions by the Board.

#### **5 Consultant's Report**

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

- Prescription Drugs;
- HMO Minimum Premium;
- HMO Combined;
- PPO/EPO/Out of Area (non-CA participants)
- PPO CA

#### **6 IFEPB Roundtable Discussion**

The Board shared their experiences at the IFEPB Conference. Overall, the consensus was that this was a good conference with many sessions focused on mental health this year.

#### **7 Appendix Items**

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The Open-Session was adjourned at 5:58p.m.

The next Open-Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.