

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Admin Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024

9:30 am at BeneSys Office, Troy, MI via In-Person and via Conference Call

Trustees:

Chet Opolski
Tracy Shippy
Dan Bojalad
Brian Roehl
Rick Kosmack
Greg Trozak

Role:

Chair
Vice-Chair
Trustee
Trustee
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Trustee

Others present: Louis Sinagra (via phone)
Brian Green, Mariner

Legal Representation: Aaron Castle

BeneSys Representation: Violet Gjorgjevski and Jennifer Crosby

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Motion – To accept the agenda dated October 14, 2024: By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Copy of the previously approved Administrative Committee Meeting minutes from September 9, 2024, were presented.

Public Comment – None

Financial Consultant

Mr. Green updated the Administrative Committee that Bloomfield Capital held a capital call last week that was completed. In addition, Foundation Infrastructure Debt Fund had their first close on their new fund which the VEBA was able to participate resulting in an early investor discount.

Legal Report

Attorney Castle provided the Committee with a copy of a draft Summary Annual Report for year ending December 31, 2023. Discussion took place. He will make some amendments and provide a final draft at the Board meeting.

Administrator Report/Administrative Committee Report

A. “High Dollar” HRA Claim Parameters

Ms. Crosby explained to the Administrative Committee that recently the Claims Department Supervisors came to her and stated that “high dollar” claims were defined as large medical or dental bills that could be given recurring reimbursements. They felt that in a scenario where a participant is already receiving a recurring premium reimbursement that isn’t taking their full monthly contribution a “small dollar” claim could not be set up for recurring payments until the full balance is paid. Ms. Crosby asked for clarification or parameters to give to the Claims Analysts to use. Discussion took place. The Admin Committee and Legal Counsel stated that there is no such thing as a “high dollar” claim, therefore there isn’t a parameter to put into place from a dollar amount perspective. If a member submits a claim and asks for recurring payments until the full balance of the claim is paid, it can be set up as recurring regardless of the amount.

Business Agent Report

A. Priority Health – Turning Point Healthcare Solutions

Mr. Opolski informed the Administrative Committee that he recently spoke to a member who lives outside of Michigan and was preparing for a surgical procedure. This member received a letter from Turning Point Healthcare Solutions informing him that if he went forward with this surgery, it would be considered “Out of Network”. The member contacted Priority Health who assured him he could disregard the letter and that he was in fact in network. Mr. Opolski requested that the issue be addressed and corrected overall and that Turning Point notify any members that may have received this incorrect communication that the communication was sent in error.

He also discussed some materials for Open Enrollment 2026 that will need to be clarified as they caused some confusion for members. Ms. Crosby is already working on them.

He updated the Administrative Committee that Kelly Lahr will be replacing LaDom Brandon Berkley at Priority Health. The group will still work on the day to day matters with Rob Roberts.

Lastly, Mr. Opolski also reminded the Board that the Open Enrollment meetings are scheduled for October 16th and 23rd and all are welcome to attend.

New Business

A. MAPERS Fall Conference Certificates

Chairman Opolski as well as Trustees Kosmack and Bojalad provided their certificates of attendance from the MAPERS Fall Educational Conference.

Unfinished Business

A. 2025 Administrative Committee Meeting Notice Draft

B. 2025 Board Meeting Notice Draft

Ms. Crosby provided these so that everyone can review and submit any scheduling conflicts or request any changes.

Correspondence

A. BeneSys DOL Cybersecurity Program Response 3rd Quarter 2024

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Legal Report (Closed Session)

Motion – To enter into closed session at 10:20 am to discuss with legal counsel trial/settlement strategy matters related to the ongoing litigation with the State regarding VEBA grant funds: **By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.**

- Roll call vote: Opolski – yes
Kosmack – yes
Bojalad – yes
Roehl – yes
Trozak – yes
Shippy - yes

Motion – To return to open session at 10:36 am: **By D. Bojalad, seconded by B. Roehl.**

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Adjournment

Motion – To adjourn the Administrative Committee Meeting: **By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack.**

Motion Carried – Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.