

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024

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

Trustees:

Chet Opolski
Richard Kosmack
Dan Bojalad
Tracy Shippy
Brian Roehl
Greg Trozak (via phone)
Floyd Allen (via phone)

Role:

Chairman
Trustee
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Others present: Brian Green, AndCo., Financial Consultant
LaDominic Brandon Berkley, Priority Health (via Teams)
Rob Roberts, Priority Health (via Teams)
Louis Sinagra, Member (via phone)

Legal Representation: Frank Judd

BeneSys Representation: Violet Gjorgjevski and Jennifer Crosby

The meeting was held In-Person at the BeneSys Office, Troy, MI

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

Motion – To accept the agenda for March 18, 2024: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by B. Roehl.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Public Comment – None

Priority Health – LaDom Brandon Berkley & Rob Roberts

Ms. Berkley discussed with the Board after contact from Chairman Opolski they have discovered that there has been a delay in the \$50 Buy Back for some members. No reasoning as to which members this is happening to or why. Unknown when CMS will have this issue corrected. Ms. Berkley will continue to keep the Board up to date on findings. Discussion took place regarding this issue and possibly options for members.

Chairman Opolski mentioned that Priority Health Customer Service Reps are telling members who are having issues with the \$50 Buy Back to call him which is inappropriate. Ms. Berkley will investigate this and provide training to the Customer Service Reps.

Regular Minutes

Motion – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2024, and the Admin Committee Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024, as amended: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Financial Consultants – No Formal Report

Financial Reports

BeneSys provided the February 2024 Fifth Third Statement and the January 2024 Financial Statements for review. Discussion took place regarding these Financial Statements, and it was determined that they are not accurate. This is to be investigated further with Fifth Third and BeneSys Accounting.

Motion - pay the Bills for Approval: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad***

Administrative Reports/Administrative Committee Report

A. Data Request for December 31, 2023, Actuarial Valuation

Ms. Crosby provided the data request provided by GRS and updated the Board that she has provided all requested information for the December 31, 2023 Actuarial Valuation.

B. 2023 Deceased Member Report

Ms. Crosby provided a corrected 2023 Deceased Member Report.

Legal Report

A. Fiduciary Liability Policy Renewal

Motion – To renew the Fiduciary Liability Policy issued by Federal Insurance Company for the Policy period of June 1, 2024, to June 1, 2025: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

B. Cone Group Letter

Mr. Judd provided the letter that was emailed to Cone Group information then that the VEBA is not in need of agency or administrative services in respect to its benefit offers.

C. Plante Moran – Audit Engagement for December 31, 2023

Motion – To have the Board Chair sign the Audit Engagement with Plante Moran for December 31, 2023: *By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

D. HRA OTC/Supplements Policy

This item is in progress.

E. VEBA Grant Funds

Mr. Judd provided, at the Board's request, the letter to Susan Corbin, the Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity regarding the Detroit VEBA Healthcare Grant fund. Extensive discussion took place.

Motion – To approve the letter with each Board Member signature and include all State Representative and Senators in the mailing: *By T. Shippy, seconded by D. Bojalad.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Chairman Opolski provided the Board with a letter from Butzel Long, Attorneys =for the Retired Detroit Police and Firefighters Association regarding research, guidance, and potential representation in a litigation matter against the State of Michigan and its affiliates. Discussion took place regarding this matter and whether the VEBA wanted to be a party if the RDPFFA moves forward with litigation.

F. Priority Health Census Date Request

Ms. Berkley had requested that BeneSys provide Census information to Priority Health of members who are not enrolled in Priority Health and those who will be turning 65 in 2024. She explained that she would like to be able engage these members by providing a variety of education touchpoints. The Board discussed this in detail and will have Mr. Castle respond to Priority Health regarding this request.

Correspondence

A. BeneSys Navigator 1st Q 2024

B. BeneSys New Member Portal

C. IRS Alert – Beware of Companies Misrepresenting Health Expenses

Business Agent Report

Chairman Opolski stated that matters discussed throughout today's meeting have been a bulk of his time over the last month along with his usual assistance to members.

New Business

A. Priority Health/CMS Buy Back Delay

This item was discussed under the Legal Report.

B. COPS Trust/Delta Dental Dual Enrollment

Ms. Crosby explained to the Board that she was performing an invoice audit and came across two members who are both retirees and married to each other. They each have the other covered for Dental coverage, known as dual enrollment. She reached out to Karen and Tom at COPS Trust to see if Delta Dental had approved for members to dual enroll. Delta Dental does allow this as part of the contract that COPS Trust has with them. The Board discussed the Coordination of Benefits around this. Chairman Opolski asked for a list of members who have a dual enrollment to see how many are paying two premiums for their families.

Unfinished Business

A. Change Healthcare Cyber Attack – Vendor Responses

Ms. Crosby reached out to Priority Health, Delta Dental and VSP to get their responses to the Change Healthcare Cyber Attack and how it may affect the members of the VEBA. Those responses were all provided to the Board for review.

B. BeneSys – HRA Overpayment

Ms. Crosby updated the Board that they have received reimbursement from the five members who were paid claims in error during January 2024. This matter is resolved.

C. VEBA Grant Fund Correspondence

Correspondence from Director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Jayshona Hicks, and Matt Sowash, Michigan Legislative Consultant regarding the VEBA Grand Fund \$10M being awarded to the Coalition of Detroit Public Safety Unions Trust were provided for the Board's review.

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Adjournment

Motion – to adjourn: *by D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.