

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025

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

Trustees:

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

Role:

Chairman
Vice-Chair
Trustee
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Absent Trustee: Floyd Allen

Others present: Rob Roberts, Priority Health (*via Teams*)
Brian Green, Mariner
Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

Legal Representation: Aaron Castle and Angelica Brown, VMT Law

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 January 27, 2025: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Public Comment – None

Priority Health – Rob Roberts

Mr. Roberts gave an update to the Board regarding wait times on the member service line dedicated to VEBA's participants. He stated that there had been an improvement since the Admin Committee meeting and that response times will continue to improve.

Mr. Roberts also addressed the One Pass program. He informed the Board that member codes have been mailed out to all participants and should have been received at this time. They also have a link available where members can submit their gym if not already with One Pass.

He went on to state that the OTC cards can now be used at Costco in stores but not online. There is a code that is needed, and the code can be provided by Priority Health's member service reps.

Mr. Robert's and Chairman Opolski have been discussing the possibility of obtaining Delta Dental benefits for participants through Priority Health. He is working on getting the rates to present to the Board.

Lastly, he invited members of the Board to attend future development meetings with Priority Health which was well received by the Board.

Regular Minutes

Motion – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2024 and the Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025: ***By B. Roehl, seconded R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Financial Consultant – Brian Green, Mariner

Mr. Green had no formal report for the Board. He did provide a 2024 Presidential Election Implications report from Boyd Watterson. Discussion took place.

Financial Reports

BeneSys provided the December 2024 Fifth Third Statement as well as Financial Statements for November 2024. Discussion took place regarding providing the consolidated investment statement from Fifth Third as part of the financial information provided going forward. Outstanding invoices were also presented to the Board for approval.

Motion - pay the Bills as provided: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.***

Administrative Reports

A. BeneSys Claims Turnaround Time Report – 4th Quarter 2024

Ms. Crosby reviewed the fourth quarter 2024 claims turnaround time report with the Board. She informed the Board that BeneSys did meet the performance guarantee for claims turnaround time for the fourth quarter of 2024.

B. BeneSys Telephone Response Time Report – 4th Quarter 2024

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C. BeneSys Claims Accuracy Report – 4th Quarter 2024

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D. BeneSys Year to Year HRA Analysis

The Board had requested that BeneSys provide the difference in the number of HRA Claims processed from 2023 to 2024. They wanted to see the reduction once the participants in Priority Health started receiving the Medicare Part B Credit rather than the HRA. There was an 18% reduction in the number of claims processed between 2023 and 2024. Discussion took place.

E. BeneSys Agreement Renewal

Ms. Gjorgjevski informed the Board that the agreement renewal is in progress.

F. Appeals

a. 2705088327

Motion – To approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2705088327 per recommendation of the Admin Committee and allow enrollment in the Medicare Opt-Out HRA effective January 1, 2024: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Legal Report

A. VEBA Grant Funds

Mr. Castle updated the Board the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss hearing took place on January 22, 2025. Arguments were heard by the judge. No decision was given at the hearing but is anticipated sometime between 30-90 days. Discussion took place.

Correspondence

- A. BeneSys DOL Cybersecurity Program Response – 1st Quarter 2025**
- B. MAPERS Spring 2025 Conference Preliminary Agenda**

Business Agent Report

Mr. Opolski asked the Board to let Ms. Crosby know if they want to attend the MAPERS Spring Conference and she will handle the registration. He also mentioned the MAPERS networking event in March which requires no registration.

Mr. Opolski stated that he has been sending out Newsletters to participants updating them with communication regarding Priority Health programs. He also continues to work with Ms. Crosby to assist participants with various issues or concerns.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business

A. Priority Health 2025 Performance Guarantees

Motion – To accept and approve executing the Priority Health 2025 Performance Guarantees as recommended by the Admin Committee: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Trustee Shippy thanked Ms. Crosby for always providing extra assistance for participants.

Adjournment

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

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.