

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2023

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

### Trustees:

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

### Role:

Chairman  
Trustee  
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**Others present:** Floyd Allen, Trustee (via phone)  
LaDom Brandon Berkley, Priority Health (via Teams)  
Rob Roberts, Priority Health (via Teams)  
Louis Sinagra, Member (via phone)

**Legal Representation:** Aaron Castle

**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 October 23, 2023: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### Public Comment - None

### Regular Minutes

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2023, and the Admin Committee Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2023: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Priority Health – LaDom Brandon Berkley & Rob Roberts**

Ms. Brandon Berkley addressed the Board regarding the Priority Health enrollees that are being assisted by Medicaid through the State of Michigan. The concern being that those members being assisted by Medicaid will not receive the benefit of the \$50 Part B Credit. Priority Health has reduced the rates on the PPO and HMO accordingly because these members are already receiving significant assistance from the State of Michigan.

**Motion** – To approve the execution of the updated proposed rates from Priority Health for the PPO and HMO as provided: ***By C. Opolski, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Discussion also took place regarding the contract negotiations between Priority Health and Ascension Genesys Hospital. Ms. Brandon Berkley stated that they are hoping that something will be worked out before the end of the year. She will keep us updated regarding this matter.

### **Financial Consultants – None**

### **Financial Reports**

BeneSys provided the September 2023 Fifth Third Statement, the September 2023 Morgan Stanley Statement, and the August 2023 Financial Statements for review.

**Motion** – to review and accept the Fifth Third, Morgan Stanley and Financial Statements and to pay the Bills for Approval: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Administrative Reports/Administrative Committee Report**

#### **A. BeneSys Claims Performance Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023**

Ms. Crosby reviewed the third quarter 2023 claims performance report with the Board. She informed the Board that BeneSys did meet the performance guarantee for claims performance for the third quarter of 2023.

#### **B. BeneSys Telephone Response Time Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023**

Ms. Crosby reviewed the third quarter 2023 telephone response time report with the Board. She informed the Board that BeneSys did meet the performance guarantee for telephone response time for the third quarter of 2023.

#### **C. BeneSys Claims Accuracy Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023**

Ms. Crosby reviewed the third quarter 2023 claims accuracy report with the Board. She informed the Board that BeneSys did meet the performance guarantee for claims accuracy for the third quarter of 2023.

## **D. Appeals**

Ms. Gjorgjevski presented the Level 2 Appeals to the Admin Committee. Discussion took place regarding each Level 2 Appeal.

### **a. Appeal 2686887081**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2686887081: *By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **b. Appeal 2705539603**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2705539603: *By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Opposed by C. Opolski      Motion Carried

### **c. Appeal 2726123635**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2726123635: *By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **d. Appeal 2740830523**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2740830523: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- B. Roehl Abstained      Motion Carried

### **e. Appeal 2803286980**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2803286980: *By R. Kosmack, seconded by B. Roehl.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **f. Appeal 2816393031**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2816393031: *By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **g. Appeal 2831384980**

**Motion** – to approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2831384980: *By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Legal Report**

Mr. Castle revisited a discussion with the Board regarding what happens to residual VEBA Trust assets, if any, after the last VEBA participant passes away. Detailed discussion took place. At this point in time the Board feels it is best to keep in mind that the available funds should be used in a fiduciarily responsible way now to reduce or prevent their being an excess of funds at the time that the last member passes away.

Mr. Castle updated the Board that he has not gotten a response from the letter the Board had sent to the DOL regarding the VEBA Grant funding.

### **Business Agent Report**

Chairman Opolski provided the Board with confirmation from the RDPFFA re-appointing Tracy Shippy and Richard Kosmack as Trustees to a new three-year term.

Mr. Opolski updated the Board that the two Open Enrollment Meetings were very successful. Attendance at each meeting was about 50 - 75 members with about 30 attending the presentations from Priority Health. He thanked BeneSys, TMR, Priority Health, Silver Sneakers, Delta Dental and COPS Trust for attending and assisting the members.

Mr. Opolski informed the Board that having the Business Agent cell phone is working out well for him and for the members.

### **New Business**

#### **A. 2024 Admin Committee Meeting Schedule Draft**

Ms. Crosby provided a draft of the 2024 Admin Committee meeting schedule. Suggested edits were made. She will provide an update at the next Admin Committee meeting for further review.

#### **B. 2024 Board Meeting Schedule Draft**

Ms. Crosby provided a draft of the 2024 Board meeting schedule. Suggested edits were made. She will provide an update at the next Admin Committee meeting for further review.

#### **C. Priority Health 2024 HMO Updated Rate Sheet**

This matter was discussed earlier during the Priority Health presentation.

#### **D. Priority Health 2024 PPO Updated Rate Sheet**

This matter was discussed earlier during the Priority Health presentation.

#### **E. Priority Health 2024 Performance Guarantee**

**Motion** – to execute the 2024 Priority Health Performance Guarantee as provided: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **F. Priority Health Ascension Genesys Hospital Contract Negotiations**

This matter was discussed earlier during the Priority Health presentation.

#### **G. IFEBP 2024 Membership Rates**

**Motion** – to approve membership in the IFEBP for 2024 as a means of continuing education: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by D. Bojalad.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Medicaid Priority Health Participants & Part B Credit**

This matter was discussed earlier during the Priority Health presentation.

##### **B. Enrollment Packet Mailing Envelope Issue**

Ms. Gjorgjevski updated the Board that the printer inspected the envelopes used for the Open Enrollment mailing and determined that the adhesive was sub-par and they would be using a different provider for future packet envelopes.

#### **Trustee Comment/Open Forum**

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion** – to adjourn: ***by T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.