

Oregon Educators Benefit Board May 15, 2008 Minutes

The Oregon Educators Benefit Board held a teleconference on May 15, 2008, at the DAS General Services Building, 1225 Ferry Street SE in Salem, Oregon. Chair Steve McNannay called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees

Board Members:

Steve McNannay, Chair (via telephone)
Brett Yancey, Vice Chair (via telephone)
Michael Cannarella (via telephone)
Mylia Christensen (via telephone)
Richard Clarke (via telephone)
Tom Husted (via telephone)
Alison Little (via telephone)
Victor Musial
Peter Tarzian

Board Members Absent:

Ron Gallinat

Watson Wyatt Consultants:

Geoff Brown
Anne Thompson (via telephone)
Steve Carlson (via telephone)

OEBB/PEBB Staff:

Joan Kapowich, PEBB/OEBB Administrator
Denise Hall, OEBB Deputy Administrator
Heidi Williams, Director of Operations
Scott Rupp, Communications Coordinator
Rose Mann, Executive Assistant
Ali Hassoun, Financial Coordinator

Guests:

James Sager, Office of the Governor
Christine Wells, Willamette Dental

Camilla Monagon, Portland Public Schools
Kevin McCann, OSBA
Steve Norman, OSBA
Herb Drew, Drew & Buehler
Brian Riney, Providence
Jim Myers, Kaiser
Gordon Hoberg, ODS
Dallas Weyand, Legislative Fiscal Office
Paul Pfinister, AFLAC



Executive Session 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Denise Hall announced that the Board would convene in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f).

Public Session

1. Welcome

Steve McNannay reconvened the meeting in public session and welcomed the public.

2. Rates - status update

Steve Carlson explained the medical, dental and vision plan rates that will be effective October 1, 2008.

Tom Husted moved to adopt the proposed rates. Victor Musial seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken. The motion carried 9 – 0.

3. Maximum Out of Pocket

Geoff Brown explained that Watson Wyatt has further investigated issues and costs related to the carry-forward of medical and pharmacy out of pocket (OOP) maximums and is presenting the Board with three options to consider:

1. Cost and administrative approaches to crediting deductible and OOP expenses incurred by covered members in the fourth calendar quarter for medical, pharmacy and dental claims.
2. Change to an October through September benefits year.
3. Consider a 15 month first year starting fresh October 1; with no carry-forward of deductibles and OOP maximums.

Geoff Brown recommended that the Board allow Watson Wyatt additional time to have more in-depth conversations with the carriers in order to gather further information and present this agenda item at the next Board meeting.

Peter Tarzian recommended that the Board allow the consultants additional time to gather more information from the carriers and the Board tabled this item for the next Board meeting. *The Board agreed to table this item until a later Board meeting.*

5. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Other Business

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.