MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

November 1, 2012

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
BATON ROUGE, LA.

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board, at 6:30 PM on Thursday November 1, 2012.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman	Mr. Manuel DePascual
Mr. Kent Guidry	Dr. Katharine Rathbun
Mr. James Hritz	Dr. Van Culotta
Dr. Patrick Breaux	Mr. Joe Donchess

The following board member was absent:
Dr. Melanie Firmin-McMullen

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. Dave Woolridge	Mr. Ward Blackwell
Ms. Barbara Woodard	Ms. Lorraine LeBlanc	
Ms. Shelly Fowler	Ms. Lynn Duszynski	
Ms. Betty Patrick	Mr. Larry Warren	

Mr. Cossé called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect eight Board Members were in attendance and a quorum was present. Mr. Cossé welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Mr. Cossé asked for public comments or questions. No public comments were made.

Mr. Cossé welcomed special guest Lorraine LeBlanc, former Executive Director of the PCF. On behalf of the Board, he expressed appreciation for Ms. LeBlanc's many years of dedicated service to the agency and the Board. Ms. LeBlanc was presented with a certificate from Gov. Bobby Jindal expressing his appreciation for her long service to the State of Louisiana and she was also presented with a gift. Ms. LeBlanc expressed her appreciation for the many years of cooperation and assistance she received from the Board as Executive Director.

Mr. Cossé called for the approval of the October 4, 2012 minutes. Dr. Culotta moved for the minutes to be approved and Dr. Breaux seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the minutes were adopted with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Cossé asked for the financial reports. Ms. Woodard informed the Board that the Fund balance for the FY to date was approximately $756,044,851; the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately $44,371,772; the total net filing fees collected to date was $89,000; the total interest earned to date was $3,693,243; the total operating expenses to date were $1,421,165, and the claims expenses to date were $24,950,613. There were no further questions asked and no public comments.

Mr. Cossé asked for an update regarding the custodian for PCF's investment portfolio. Mr. Schnauder informed the Board J.P. Morgan Chase is the custodian for the State of LA and the PCF as all PCF funds are controlled by the Treasurer's Office. A quote was received from J.P. Morgan Chase and seemed too high. Cardinal Investment Consulting Group was asked to do an informal search and obtain quotes for custodians. Wells Fargo Bank was considerably more competitive than J.P. Morgan Chase, or the three other large banks contacted. Consultant Matt Padberg strongly recommended the Board go with Wells Fargo Bank as their custodian because the quote was very competitive. He further advised several of his clients used Wells Fargo Bank for this service and were exceptionally pleased with the service provided. Mr. Guidry moved to accept the Wells Fargo quote and hire the bank as custodian and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cossé asked for the claims report. Mr. Schnauder informed the Board that October had been the slowest month in memory in his seven years at the PCF. There were 112 claims opened and 132 claims closed; ending the month with a total pending claim count of 4894. The total judicial interest paid during the month was $0 and $328,488 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Presented at this meeting were 12 claims for settlement approval in the amount of $2,132,500. There were no questions asked and no public comments.

Dr. Culotta brought up the issue of the Material Risk and Medical Disclosure Panel initiated by the LSMS and appointed by the governor and asked whether there would be anyone representing the PCF. He felt someone may be needed on the Panel who would understand the Medical Review Panel and claim process. The Board was unfamiliar with the subject and Mr. Cossé asked Mr. Schnauder to remind him about this before the next meeting so he could look into it and be prepared for discussion.

There being no further general business to discuss, Mr. Cossé asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none. Mr. Cossé thanked the guests for attending the meeting and the General Session was adjourned. Dr. Rathbun then made a motion for the Board to move into the Executive Session and Mr. Hritz seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous and the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

Mr. Clark Cossé III, Chairman

6 Dec 2012

Date