MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

April 2, 2015

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, April 2, 2015.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman	Dr. Van Culotta	Mr. Joe Donchess
Mr. Kent Guidry	Mr. Jim Hritz	

The following Board members were absent:

Dr. Katharine Rathbun	Mr. Manuel DePascual	Dr. Melanie Firmin-McMullen
Dr. Patrick Breaux		

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Ms. Shelly Fowler	Mr. Larry Warren
Mr. Kurt Loup	Mr. Dave Woolridge	Mr. Jeff Williams
Ms. Barbara Woodard	Mr. Jim Hurley	Dr. Dolleen Licciardi
Ms. Betty Patrick	Mr. Ward Blackwell	Mr. Travis Taylor

Mr. Cossé called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect five 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 called for the approval of the March 5, 2015 minutes. Mr. Donchess moved for the minutes to be approved and Mr. Hritz seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the minutes were adopted with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Cossé asked for the general actuary discussion. Mr. Jim Hurley of Towers Watson provided the Board with a detailed six-month update and discussed rate-setting goals. Mr. Hurley advised that rates are set based on expected losses for the current year and the PCF will continue to pay claims twenty years into the future. He also advised that, as to the fund balance versus liability, the PCF was fully funded as of June 30, 2014. Mr. Hurley was asked by the Board to develop rates for several different scenarios for discussion at a later date. Mr. Hurley answered questions from the Board and the public.

Mr. Schnauder began discussion of setting rates for optometrists who perform surgery. He advised the current rate for optometrists performing surgery is the same as that for ophthalmologists performing surgery and is cost-prohibitive. Mr. Hurley recommended using the same ratio of "ophthalmology-no surgery" to "ophthalmology-major surgery," which is almost double, as a guide to setting rates for optometrists. Mr. Hritz made a motion to utilize a two-to-one ratio rate for optometrists performing surgery as compared to those performing no surgery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guidry; by verbal vote, the motion was approved with one dissenting vote from Dr. Culotta.

Mr. Cossé asked for the financial reports. Ms. Woodard informed the Board the fund balance for the fiscal year to date was approximately $929,456,856, the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately $142,810,792, and the total net filing fees collected to date were $200,700. She advised the reported investment income through February was $13,996,169, the total operating expenses to date were $3,796,300, and the claims expenses to date were $86,840,542. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

Mr. Cossé asked for the claims report. Mr. Loup informed the Board that for the month of March there were 105 panels filed, 237 panels closed, 120 claims opened and 126 claims closed, ending the month with a total pending claims count of 4,598. Mr. Loup advised that $58,833 in judicial interest was paid for the month and $256,320 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Mr. Loup presented 18 claims for settlement approval for the month of April in the amount of $5,163,922. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

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. Mr. Guidry then made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session; Mr. Donchess seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous and the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

Clark R. Cossé

Mr. Clark R. Cossé III, J.D., Chairman

May 7, 2015

Date