MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

July 14, 2016

EAST JEFFERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL
CRAWFORD CONFERENCE CENTER – ESPLANADE III
METAIRIE, LA

Mr. Kent Guidry, Secretary, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Mr. Kent Guidry	Dr. Christopher Foret	Mr. Joe Donchess
Dr. Leslie Meng	Mr. Jim Hritz	Mr. Manuel DePascual

The following Board members were absent:

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman	Dr. Van Culotta, Vice Chairman	Dr. Patrick Breaux

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. David Woolridge	Mr. Larry Warren
Ms. Barbara Woodard	Mr. Jim Hurley	Mr. Jeff Williams
Mr. Kurt Loup	Dr. Thomas Grimstad	Mr. Ward Blackwell
Ms. Betty Patrick	Mr. Tom McCormick	

Mr. Guidry called the meeting to order and asked the record reflect six Board members were in attendance and a quorum was present. Mr. Guidry welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

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

Mr. Guidry called for the approval of the June 2, 2016 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. Guidry asked for discussion of the annual actuary rates. Mr. Jim Hurley of Willis Towers Watson provided the Board with the annual actuary report, based on data received through December 31, 2015. After much discussion from the Board and the public, Mr. Hritz made a motion for approval of rate changes consistent with the previous year wherein the Board voted to use excess assets to cushion the indicated rates; the motion was for no coverage classes or categories to receive an increase, though any coverage category with an indicated decrease would be afforded the reduction. Dr. Meng seconded the motion; by verbal vote, the motion was adopted with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Guidry asked for the financial reports. Ms. Barbara Woodard informed the Board the Fund balance for the fiscal year to date was approximately $1,003,558,526, the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately $147,967,105 and the total net filing fees collected to date were $321,000. She further advised the reported investment income through May was $19,628,500, the total operating expenses to date were $5,842,920, and the claims expenses to date were $88,720,455. There were no questions asked and no public comments made. Mr. Ken Schnauder advised the Board the Governor has made the decision that no state employees will be given a merit increase in salaries in FY 2016-17, regardless of agency funding.

Mr. Guidry asked for the claims report. Mr. Loup informed the Board for the month of June there were 128 panels filed, 109 panels closed, 112 claims opened and 133 claims closed, ending the month with a total pending claims count of 4,594. Mr. Loup advised $11,722 in judicial interest was paid for the month and $391,810 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Mr. Loup presented 32 claims for settlement approval for the month in the amount of $10,543,500.

Mr. Guidry asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

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

Mr. Clark Cosse III, JD, Chairman

Aug 4, 2016

Date