

MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

February 4, 2010

WOMAN'S HOSPITAL
BATON ROUGE, LA.

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board, at 6:31 PM on Thursday February 4, 2010, at the Woman's Hospital Corporate Board Room in Baton Rouge.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Clark R. Cossé, III	Mr. Jim Hritz	Dr. William LaCorte (late arrival)
Dr. Van Culotta	Dr. Melanie Firmin	
Dr. Katharine Rathbun	Mr. Kent Guidry	

The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. Joe Donchess
Mr. Manual DePascual

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. David Woolridge	Mrs. Cindy Amedee
Mrs. Barbara Woodard	Lynn Duszynski	Mrs. Caroline Brock

Mr. Cossé called the meeting to order. Mr. Cossé asked that the record show seven board members 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. No public comments were made.

Mr. Cossé called for the approval of the January 7, 2010 minutes. Dr. Culotta moved for the minutes to be approved. Dr. Rathbun seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted and there were no dissenting votes.

Mr. Cossé asked for the financial reports. Mrs. Woodard went over the handout and explained the year to date collections and fund balance. She informed the Board that the remaining balance in the operating budget would be adequate for the remaining months of this FY; however the claims budget had expended approximately \$82,000,000 as of this meeting and that a BA-7 for

the claims budget would be recommended for the remaining months of this fiscal year. Mrs. Woodard informed the Board that Mr. Schnauder would explain the claim expenditures during his report and recommend the amount needed for the BA-7. Mr. Cosse' asked if there were any other questions regarding the financial report, there were none.

Mr. Cossé asked for the claims manager report. Mr. Schnauder reported that January began as a calm month with 143 files closed and 111 files opened and that there were 88 panels filed in January. To date, \$150,000 was paid for interest and \$230,000 for litigation, both of which are lower than prior years. Mr. Schnauder informed the Board that there were now 173 open future medical files and approximately \$1,400,000 is paid each month on these claims.

Mr. Schnauder reported that for the first seven months of this fiscal year, a little over \$82,000,000 had been expended from the claims budget. Due to a shortage in the claims budget last year, there were claims that could not be paid until the new budget was in place in July 2009. As a result \$7,000,000 was paid in July for cases settled in the prior fiscal year. Mr. Schnauder explained to the Board that there was approximately \$38,000,000 left for the remaining fiscal year, with \$5,600,000 in approved claims not paid and an additional \$5,600,000 being submitted for approval at this meeting, with future medicals averaging \$1,400,000 per month. The overall average of previous claim months was approximately \$8,000,000. Mr. Schnauder recommended a BA-7 in the amount of \$17,000,000 be submitted to ensure funds were available to pay all settled claims. There was discussion regarding requesting a larger amount. Monies not expended simply remain in the PCF's account. It was noted that the Budget Office needed a justification for the BA-7. Dr. Culotta made a motion for the BA-7 in the amount of \$20,000,000 and Dr. Firm seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the BA-7 request was approved. Mr. Cossé asked if there were any questions regarding the claim report, there were none.

Mr. Hritz made a motion to add an item to the agenda on Coverage under the MMA regarding credentialing to the agenda. Mr. Woolridge, PCF council, stated it would be permissible to discuss this issue in the Executive Session since it was related to the *Dinnat vs PCFOB* litigation which was discussed at the January board meeting. Dr. Rathbun seconded the motion made by Mr. Hritz. Mr. Cosse' asked for any public comments relative to adding the item to the agenda and there were none. The vote was unanimous to add the item to the Executive Session agenda.

Mr. Cossé thanked the guests for attending the meeting and the General Session was adjourned.

Mr. Guidry made the motion for the Board to move into Executive Session and Dr. Culotta seconded the motion. The Board convened the Executive Session.

Mr. Clark R. Cossé III, Chairman