

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
December 14, 2016  
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Barbara Collins, Ethel Larkins, Laura Bowen, Leticia Munguia, Marianne Monfils, Robin Watkins, Ron Reese  
Brian Marshall, Katie Dexter, Nadine Bennett, Patricia Koch, Steve Boyle, Ursula Salbato

**Absent:** Christine Balentine, Karen Janney, Lora Duzyk, Mark Anderson, Matthew Krause

**Consultants:** Ron Mason (Tall Pine Consulting LLC)

**Administrative Staff:** Annemieke Tomey, George McGregor, Alexandra Kroeger, Kat Alexander, Laura Josh, Lurinda Green, Nancy White, Paul Bergman, Rich Garrett

**Guests:** Christine Caloza, James Gaumer (UHC); Edward Rott, MD, Mark Frey (Kaiser); Susan Bolger (North County CTA-R)

The open-session meeting was called to order by Brian Marshall at 4:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Opening Comments from Co-Chairs**

Brian Marshall welcomed the Board Members, the Administrative Staff and the guests.

**Kaiser Virtual Visit Presentation**

Edward J. Rott, M.D., with Kaiser Permanente presented the virtual urgent care visit program available to VEBA members. Dr. Rott indicated that this special program is only offered to select partners including VEBA. He stated that only select conditions are covered and no copays are currently charged through 2017. Dr. Rott also reviewed additional telehealth options available to the VEBA population including pediatric video appointments.

Dr. Rott presented the new Kaiser Zion Hospital to be inaugurated in April, 2017. He updated the Board on the energy-efficient status and key technological advances that will be built into the hospital.

Dr. Rott and Mark Frey left the meeting at 4:52p.m.

**Approve Minutes:**

Draft minutes of the November 30, 2016, open-session Board meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** (Leticia Munguia) Approval of the November 30, 2016 open-session minutes. Seconded by Ursula Salbato and approved.

**Administrator's Report:**

Annemieke Tomey reviewed the VEBA financial statements and disbursement report for October 2016.

**MOTION:** (Katie Dexter) Approval of the October 2016 financial statements and disbursement report. Seconded by Ethel Larkins and approved.

**Consultant's Report:**

Ron Mason presented the following claims updates:

- UHC HMO
  - Claims increased as traditionally occurs in October.
  - Large claim content decreased and most of the cost increase is due to smaller claims.
  - One-hundred nine claimants (.03% of members) incurred 8% of total claim cost.
- PPO/EPO/Out of Area (non-CA participants)
  - Enrollment increased by 3% in September through October.
  - Twenty-one claimants (4.6% of members) incurred 53% of FFS costs.
- PPO CA
  - Large claim content decreased and overall claims were favorable for September through October.
  - One-hundred claimants (3.5% of members) incurred 49% of FFS costs.
- Kaiser Inpatient Claims
  - Claims have increased by 20% during the last 12 months. Eleven inpatient diagnostic categories with large changes in number or claim costs are included. Top three categories are admissions for psychoses, major joint replacement without major complications, and alcohol/drug-related.

Other

George McGregor reviewed McGregor & Associates' holiday office hours.

At the request of the Co-Chairs, George McGregor indicated it's time to update the next five-year strategic plan including political advocacy efforts. He requested that any board members interested in participating on the committee, reach out to him directly.

The open-session adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

The next Open Session meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the McGregor and Associates Conference Room, suite 337.