

MINUTES

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:30 A.M.

Members Present: Chairperson Mona Rindy
Ms. Casey Goodhouse
Ms. Yvonne Smith
Mr. Dirk Wilke
Mr. Adam Miller
Mr. Jason Grueneich
Ms. Claire Ness

Members Absent: Rep. Gretchen Dobervich
Rep. Greg Stemen

Others: Mr. Scott Miller, NDPERS
Mr. Derrick Hohbein, NDPERS
Ms. Rebecca Fricke, NDPERS
Ms. Katheryne Korom, NDPERS
Mr. Jesse Rue, NDPSC
Ms. Julie Bodenski, Humana

Chairperson Mona Rindy called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Chairperson Rindy called for questions or comments regarding the meeting minutes of the March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting and the March 28, 2023, Special Meeting.

MS. NESS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AND THE MARCH 28, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ADAM MILLER AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

PRESENTATIONS

About the Patient Diabetes Management Program Annual Report

Pursuant to NDCC 54-52.1-16 and 54-52.1-17, NDPERS partners with the North Dakota Pharmacy Association to provide members with the About the Patient Diabetes Management Program. Ms. Rebecca Fricke introduced Dr. Jesse Rue who presented the 2022 Annual Report.

The program optimizes treatment plans and adherence for chronic illnesses. The calendar is divided into three blocks. When a visit occurs during a block, reimbursement is awarded for certain diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol medications, and certain testing supplies. Dr. Rue provided background on the program and discussed key health indicators for diabetes and hypertension. He also reviewed Adverse Drug Event problems and resolutions. Dr. Rue concluded the presentation with information about member engagement and strong member satisfaction with the program.

GROUP INSURANCE

2022 Humana Performance Guarantees Update

Ms. Rebecca Fricke introduced Ms. Julie Bodenski who provided the 2022 Humana annual performance guarantee report related to the Medicare Part D Plan. Humana met all of the initial guarantees related to implementation and the transition to Humana as well as the 21 service-level standards during 2022 that remain in place in 2023.

Sanford Health Plan (SHP) Renewal Repricing Update

Mr. Steve Webster, SHP, reported that the renewal increase was reviewed using claims through December 31, 2022, with claim payments through February 28, 2023. He confirmed the emerging claim experience still supports the original rate increase calculation and does not warrant a lower rate increase. Discussion followed.

Vision Plan Update

Ms. Katheryne Korom reported five proposals were received by the March 31st deadline. Ms. Korom reviewed key dates for the proposal process and stated that Buck Consultants will analyze the proposals and narrow the list to the top three or four for the board's consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Quarterly Consultant Fees

Mr. Derrick Hohbein reviewed a list of consulting, investment, and administrative fees paid during quarter three.

Contracts Under \$10,000

Mr. Scott Miller provided an update to Contracts Under \$10,000.

Industrial Commission Letter

The board discussed a letter each received from the Industrial Commission with questions on how contributions and benefits are administered for highly compensated employees (HCE). Mr. Scott Miller pointed out that the IRS defines a highly compensated employee and there is a federal tax restriction on these individuals. These employees are not able to run benefit estimates online in Member Self-Service (MSS); the benefit estimates must be done manually by NDPERS staff. Staff is working on a response and the topic will be brought back to the May board meeting for further discussion.

Legislative Relations

Mr. Scott Miller shared the staff's internal legislation tracking list. The board reviewed the status of bills on the list. The board discussed their position on SB 2164.

MR. ADAM MILLER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE BOARD'S OPPOSITION TO SB 2164 IN ITS CURRENT VERSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. SMITH.

Ayes: Mr. Grueneich, Mr. Adam Miller, Ms. Ness, Mr. Wilke, Ms. Goodhouse, Ms. Smith, and Chairperson Rindy

Nays: None

Absent: Representative Dobervich and Representative Stemen

Chairperson Rindy informed the board that she will be unavailable on May 9th and Mr. Adam Miller will chair the board meeting in her absence.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

Prepared by,

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