

MINUTES

POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS

July 29, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Aubrey Temple, chairman, called the meeting of the Policy and Planning Board to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dr. Merline Broussard
Dr. James Calvin
Dr. Barbara Cicardo
Mr. James Donelon*
Mr. Buford Huckleberry
Mr. James Lee
Mr. Hubert Lincecum
Rep. Tank Powell
Mr. Jackie Self
Mr. Aubrey Temple
Mr. William Quinlan

Members Absent

Mr. Mark Brown
Sen. James David Cain
Mr. Russell Culotta
Mr. Charles Lazare
Mr. Jimmy LeBlanc

Roll call indicated 11 board members present, representing a quorum.

*Mr. Donelon arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2005 BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the July 6, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Huckleberry to accept the minutes as presented. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Wall showed the new video made for OGB titled "Health Care Savings Secrets". Mr. Wall stated the information provided on this video answers questions compiled by staff to help plan members. He reported that this video will be offered to all human resources personnel as well as being put on the OGB website.

MEDICARE PART D

Mr. Wall reported that OGB will conduct information meetings for retirees beginning September 1, 2005, regarding Medicare Part D.

Mr. Wall introduced Mr. Alan Spielman and Ms. Carolyn Brown with Covington and Burling who gave an overview presentation on the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and The Retiree Drug Subsidy.

FY 2005-06 PLAN OF BENEFITS

Ms. Donna Landry and Ms. Shelly Deriso gave a presentation from Coventry Health Care, Inc. The focus of the presentation was a program with a 10 percent lower cost than OGB's HMO.

Mr. Wall advised the Board members that if they have any changes to the plan of benefits for FY 2005-06 plan year they should let him now so that he can have OGB staff review it and provide recommendations to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wall reported that OGB would be hosting a Regional Conference on Self-Administration for members of the State and Local Government Benefits Association on August 1-2, 2005, with approximately eight states participating in the conference.

Dr. Broussard introduced Dr. Roland Dommert and Ms. Renee Siccone with the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association and thanked them for attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Cicardo asked for information on Beechstreet network. Mr. Wall stated that Beechstreet acquired BestCare.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No request for public comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Rep. Powell, seconded by Mr. Lincecum, to adjourn. With no opposition, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Aubrey Temple, Chairman