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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

Mr. Russell Culotta*

Mr. Buford Huckleberry

Mr. James Lee

Mr. Hubert Lincecum

Mr. Rick Ramsey

Mr. Jackie Self

Mr. Aubrey Temple

Members Absent

Rep. Robert Billiot

Sen. "Butch" Gautreau

Mr. Jimmy LeBlanc

Dr. Stan Mays

Mr. William Quinlan

Roll call indicated 7 board members present, not representing a quorum.

*Mr. Culotta arrived after roll call and a quorum was achieved at that time.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2007 BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the minutes as presented. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

BOARD ELECTION SCHEDULE

Mr. Teague reported that there were four seats up for election on the OGB Policy and Planning Board which are; Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Retired Teachers and Other Retired School Employees, and Teachers/Other School Employees of Elementary & Secondary Schools. He reported that the call for nominations was sent to agencies on April 7, 2008 and the deadline for nominations packets is May 2, 2008. A drawing for ballot positions will be held on May 6, 2008 in the OGB Baton Rouge office and candidates are welcome to attend. Ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters on May 28, 2008 and the deadline to receive them is June 20, 2008.

2008 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Teague provided and reviewed a list of the 2008 legislation that has been filed in the 2008 Regular Legislative Session which could effect the Office of Group Benefits. He reported that he will continue to monitor any new and current bills that affect OGB and testify in committees when necessary.

CEO REPORT – OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tommy Teague reviewed the operational reports which indicated that in January 2008, that the claims loss ratio was 77.97 percent. OGB received 107,539 claims in the month of January and the average turnaround time for a claim to be paid was 3.10 days. Mr. Teague reported the administrative cost for February was 2.5 million, which is only 2.5 percent of OGB's revenue which is very low. The February fund balance is approximately \$233.4 million.

DEPENDENT VERIFICATION PROJECT MAILINGS

Mr. Teague discussed the Dependent Certification Project which OGB is requiring documentation of dependents. Members must produce documents such as marriage certificates, birth certificates, and/or adoption certificates to verify eligibility. Mr. Teague reported that a mailing has been sent out to agencies advising them of the required documentation for dependent verification. Also a direct mailing has been sent to all plan members explaining the Dependent Verification Policy.

DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Teague reported that OGB's present Disease Management vendor, APS Health Care, is in default under the contract. A termination letter has been sent to the company.

Mr. Teague stated that OGB is working with Mercer to refine a Notice of Intent to Contract (NIC) for these services. OGB anticipates issuing the NIC in the very near future and having a new contract in place by August 1, 2008.

LSU FIRST REPORTS

Mr. Teague provided the Board for informational purposes only the LSU System Health Plan Status Reports for February, 2008 and March, 2008 which provides performance highlights for their HRA plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of LaChip Program

Mr. Teague reported that DHH has decided to call the expanded LaChip program "LaCHIP Affordable Plan".

OGB will begin administering this plan on June 1, 2008. It is anticipated that 6,500 to 9,000 children will eventually participate in the plan. Mr. Teague stated that DHH will reimburse claims cost, as well as pay OGB an administrative fee to administer the program. OGB is in the final stages of preparation for implementation.

Medicare Advantage Offerings

Mr. Teague reported that OGB is offering 6 different Medicare Advantage plans to retirees who are eligible for Medicare, in addition to the standard offerings of the PPO, EPO and HMO plans. These plans are being offered on a voluntary basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Vacancy

Mr. Teague advised the Board that it may be necessary to declare a vacancy on the Board for the seat Employee Health Care/Employee Benefits Specialist. Dr. Stan Mays was appointed to this seat by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco in July 2006, but he has never attended a Board meeting. Act 1178 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, which established the OGB Policy and Planning Board, required that the Board declare a vacancy in the event that any member of the board is absent from three consecutive scheduled board and committee meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Culotta to declare a vacancy for the seat Employee Health Care/Employee Benefits Specialist on the OGB Policy and Planning Board. There being no objections, a vacancy was declared.

Mr. Teague presented Dr. Merline Broussard a plaque for her service on the Board representing the retired teachers and other retired school employees because her term expires on June 30, 2008. He stated that Dr. Broussard has serviced on the Board for the last 14 years.

Dr. Broussard thanked the Board and stated it has been a wonderful opportunity and privilege to serve. She was honored to serve the retired school teachers and other retired school employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Joubert, with the Retired State Employees Association spoke to the Board in favor of supporting HB 482 and SB 502 legislation.

After discussions Mr. Temple asked that OGB staff review and report back to the Board if any ethics laws would be violated if any individual member

and/or the Board as a whole came out in support and/or opposition of any legislation in the 2008 Legislative Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Broussard, seconded by Mr. Culotta, to adjourn. With no opposition, the motion was unanimously adopted.



Mr. Aubrey Temple, Chairman