



ARIZONA LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

Minutes of Telephonic Board of Trustees Meeting

FINAL

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present via Teleconference

Terry Cooper, Graham County (Chairman)
Kay Gale, Greenlee County
Delwin Wengert, Apache County
Jennifer St. John, Santa Cruz County

Others Present via Teleconference

Jacque Sanders, Gila County
Cindy Norris-Blake, Graham County
Yvonne Pearson, Greenlee County
Mary Frantz, La Paz County
Valerie Porter, ACIP
Penny Adams, CSA
Mike Hensley, Jones, Skelton, and Hochuli
Mike Schionning, Cheiron
Joyce Perez, Gilsbar
Sarah Perrin, Gilsbar
Erin Collins, ECA
Missy Jenson, ECA
Amanda Weaver, ECA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman, Terry Cooper.

2. Approval of Trust Meeting Minutes- March 02, 2017

Terry asked for approval of the March 02, 2017 Trust meeting minutes.

Kay Gale made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jennifer St. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **The motion was approved 4-0.**

3. Direction and Possible Action of Implementing a Mexico Network for Santa Cruz County

Erin discussed with Trustees that Santa Cruz County has requested approval of adding a Mexico Network through International Medical Solutions (IMS) by extending current AZLGEBT benefits across the border, with separate copays of \$20 for a Primary Care Physician/\$30 Specialist and a \$10,000 limit per Member. Santa Cruz would be funding this pilot program and the Trust would not be liable for any of the cost to administer or claims costs.

Mike Schionning, Trust Actuary, provided Trustees an overview of his methodology of the pricing for to implement this network

Kay Gale discussed that she felt it was very important that the Trust do their due diligence to cover all bases from pricing the benefit correctly, working with legal counsel to research any legal issues or implications, and also keeping track of utilization of the benefit, as this could be beneficial to the entire Trust at some point.

Mike Hensley, Trust Legal Counsel, stated that when researching this with other entities who utilize the Mexico Network, they found it to be very beneficial. The one item that he had not found a clear answer to was the prescription portion on whether there would be issues if a Member filled a prescription in Mexico and brought it across the border. Mike stated that he would like to add any disclaimers of where there could be issues so that the Members cannot hold the Trust liable.

Terry Cooper asked Gilsbar if they felt there would be any issues paying claims for the Mexico Network. Joyce Perez stated they have other clients that use this network and there have not been any issues paying claims.

Erin recommended Trustees authorize ECA to work with the appropriate parties to implement the program for a July 01, 2017 effective date and to authorize the Trust Chairperson to execute any contracts necessary if the network is approved.

Kay Gale asked that Trustees be informed throughout the process and provided updates as the counties will be receiving questions from Members regarding this program.

Kay Gale made a motion to move forward with Erin Collins' recommendation. Delwin Wengert Seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 4-0.**

4. Adjournment

Terry Cooper adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Weaver
Group Benefits Specialist