# INSURANCE. BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA 10-13-11

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Les Robbins, Chair Simon S. Russin, Vice Chair Marvin Adams William de la Garza Shawn R. Kehoe, Alternate

- I. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER(S) IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ABSENT
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

## **III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Recommendation as submitted by Cynthia Lau, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement direct its voting delegate to support the inclusion of legislative proposals in the SACRS 2012 Legislative Platform. (Memorandum dated October 6, 2011)

## IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Proposed Ballot Initiatives Cynthia Lau, Legislative Affairs Officer
- B. Staff Activities Report for September, 2011
- C. CIGNA & Anthem Blue Cross Claims Experience
- D. Federal Legislation
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(For discussion purposes only)

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# **INSURANCE. BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 10-13-11**

#### **PRESENT**

Les Robbins, Chair Simon S. Russin, Vice Chair Marvin Adams William de la Garza

#### **ABSENT**

Shawn R. Kehoe, Alternate

### ALSO ATTENDING:

#### **BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Sadonya Antebi Alan Bernstein Yves Chery Ed C. Morris

# STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith Leilani Ignacio Cynthia Lau Robb Van Der Volgen

## Mercer Human Resource Consulting

Clay Levister Laurie Silva

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robbins at 10:55 a.m.

# I. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER(S) IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ABSENT

All regular members of the Committee were present.

# II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. de la Garza, seconded by Mr. Russin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2011. The motion passed with Mr. Robbins abstaining.

## **III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Recommendation as submitted by Cynthia Lau, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement to direct LACERA's voting delegate to support inclusion of legislative proposals in the SACRS 2012 Legislative Platform. (Memorandum dated October 6, 2011)

A motion was made by Mr. de la Garza, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

### IV. FOR INFORMATION

A. Proposed Ballot Initiatives
Cynthia Lau, Legislative Affairs Officer

At the September 15, 2011 Committee meeting, staff presented a summary of several proposed ballot initiatives which have been cleared for circulation. At that time, a question was raised about whether there was any financial backing for these proposals.

Staff contacted the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division, who reported no record of any contributions being received by way of a Form 410, which is reported to them when there is receipt of \$1,000 or more. Staff also contacted Dave Low, Director of Governmental Relations with the CSEA, who stated that as of October 5 no one had any funding for these initiatives.

- B. Staff Activities Report for September, 2011 The staff activities report was discussed.
- C. CIGNA & Anthem Blue Cross Claims Experience The CIGNA & Anthem Blue Cross Claims Experience reports through August 2011 were discussed.
- D. Federal Legislation
  - Weekly Highlights September 26, 2011

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Submitted for information only.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

Express Scripts and Walgreens have so far failed to reach an agreement on their contract renewal. Therefore, at the end of the year Walgreens will no longer be contracting with Express Scripts. LACERA members in the Prudent Buyer plan would then pay a larger amount to fill their prescriptions at Walgreens as they would not be receiving the discounted amount. Once staff has more information, we will be sending a letter to affected members, as well as putting an article in Spotlight.

At the September Committee meeting, Miss Antebi discussed having a supply of medications available for emergency in the event of a disaster. Staff spoke with LACERA's consultant pharmacist as well as the Caremark pharmacist. Both agreed that was not a wise thing to do, as some members might not be diligent in rotating the emergency medications. This could present a patient safety issue, as well as an additional cost to LACERA and the member.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

## VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

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## VIII. ADJOURNMENT