

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
and
Board of Retirement**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, 10:50 A.M. – 11:12 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Vivian H. Gray, Chair
William de la Garza, Vice Chair
Yves Chery
David Muir, Alternate

ABSENT: Les Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Anthony Bravo
William Pryor
Vito M. Campese, M.D.

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Gregg Rademacher
JJ Popowich
Steven Rice
Vincent Lim
Eugenia Der
Allison E. Barrett
Frank Boyd
Sandra Cortez
Angie Guererro
Maria Muro
Maisha Coulter
Michelle Yanes

Ricki Contreras
Vickie Neely
Tamara Caldwell
Anna Kwan
James Pu
Debbie Semnanian
Mario Garrido
Debra Martin
Marco Legaspi
Marilu Bretado
Thomas Wicke
Barbara Tuncay

Ricardo Salinas
Maria Silva
Danny Hang
Robert Hill
Mike Herrera

ATTORNEYS
Thomas J. Wicke

GUEST SPEAKER
None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gray at 10:50 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2016

Mr. de la Garza made a motion, Mr. Chery seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Parking Fees Associated with Members' Medical Evaluations

Mr. Chery made a motion, Mr. Muir seconded, to receive and file the Parking Fees Associated with Members' Medical Evaluations discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Contreras advised the Committee Members that staff did research regarding Parking Fees' Associated with Members' Medical Evaluations and found that the majority of the locations provide free parking and there have not been any member complaints regarding the parking fees. Ms. Contreras stated that when researching this, staff also found that it would cost more to reimburse members for parking than the cost of the parking itself.

Mr. Boyd stated that in regards to the legal issue, Government Code Section 31723 states that applicant can actually be charged for the medical evaluation. Although it is not specifically related to the parking fees, it does go along the lines of applicant's paying out of pocket for the medical evaluation and related services.

Mr. Chery asked for Mr. Wicke's thoughts regarding the parking fees since Mr. Wicke represents LACERA members. Mr. Wicke stated that he has not received any complaints from any of his clients about having to pay for parking at a doctor's office and he does not think this is a huge issue at this point.

Mr. Muir stated that the amount of money involved is insignificant and staff should be able to reimburse members for parking fees in a simplified manner.

Mr. Okum wanted to clarify if 75% of the locations provided free parking and Ms. Contreras confirmed that was correct. Mr. Okum then stated that if no one is complaining, it is a non-issue and it will not be worth paying more in administrative fees to reimburse a small amount to the member. Mr. de la Garza concurred with Mr. Okum.

Mr. Chery stated that he understands Mr. Muir's point of view and appreciates the concern and suggested that moving forward, staff should ask panel physicians if they can provide parking at no charge.

Ms. Gray asked if staff can ask all panel physicians if they would be willing to include parking fees for LACERA members in the billing. Ms. Contreras stated that the physicians are already asked if they provide free parking, if they validate, and how much they charge for the parking. Ms. Contreras also stated that most of these physicians do not have a formal contract with the parking vendors as they are a separate entity but in the future, staff will ask panel physicians if they are able to include the parking fees in the billing to LACERA.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Muir asked staff to consider bates stamping the entire administrative record and transcript. Ms. Contreras stated that staff will look further in to Mr. Muir's request and determine what options are available.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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