



## Pension & Health Benefits Committee

# Meeting Summary

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**March 15, 2023**

This is intended as a guide for the Committee Chair. Other than the motions, this need not be read verbatim. The Chair may add context/comment as appropriate.

The Pension & Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met on March 14, 2023.

### **THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AND I MOVE, the Board approve the following:**

- AGENDA ITEM 6a  
Approve staff's recommendation to submit the final rule making file to the Office of Administrative Law to amend Section 599.500, subdivision (o) of the PEMHCA Regulations to clarify a dependent's eligibility in a Parent-Child Relationships (PCR).
- AGENDA ITEM 6b  
Approve negotiating a possible extension of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager contract with OptumRx for one additional year to run January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- AGENDA ITEM 6c
- Approve staff's recommendation of the HMO Solicitation Intent to Award, as described in the presentation, to include the following carriers in the 2024-28 HMO product offerings: Anthem, Blue Shield, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, Sharp, UnitedHealthcare, and Western Health Advantage.
- AGENDA ITEM 6d  
Approve the following health plan proposals for the 2024 plan year:
  - 1) For Anthem Blue Cross benefit changes for its Medicare Advantage plan:
    - a. Coverage for Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) devices.
    - b. Coverage for in-home support services.
  - 2) Adjust UnitedHealthcare (UHC) Medicare Advantage Edge Emergency Department copay to \$50.

### **The Committee received reports on the following topics:**

- The Committee received information regarding Health Open Enrollment Results, and Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustment.
- The Committee received public comment regarding a provider termination in Fresno County, positive OptumRx service, ACO Reach, an appreciation for a letter of support to CMS, and clarification on multilingual communications with members.

### **The Chair directed staff to:**

- Make sure to communicate with members regarding Walgreens alternative options.

- Address healthcare access at a future education session or Board meeting and continue to look into getting more access in rural counties.

**At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the next PHBC meeting:**

- The Committee will meet in closed session in May to discuss an update on Health Plan Rate Renewal Negotiation Strategy.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for May 2023, in Sacramento, California.