MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

May 2, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
HEROMAN BOARD ROOM
BATON ROUGE, LA

Dr. Christopher Foret, Chairman, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Dr. Christopher Foret, Chairman	Mr. Robert Ruel	Dr. Corey Hebert
Mr. Kent Guidry	Dr. Luis Alvarado	Mr. Gregory Waddell
Dr. Patrick Breaux	Mr. Marcus Naquin	

The following Board member was absent:
Ms. Jennifer DeCuir

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. Kurt Loup	Mr. Dave Woolridge
Ms. Barbara Woodard	Ms. Betty Patrick	Mr. Larry Warren

Dr. Foret called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect eight Board members were in attendance and a quorum was present. Dr. Foret then welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Dr. Foret asked for public comments or questions. No public comments were made.

Dr. Foret called for the approval of the April 4, 2019 minutes. Dr. Breaux moved for the minutes to be adopted and Mr. Waddell seconded the motion; by verbal vote, the minutes were adopted with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Foret called for discussion on the 2019 legislative update. Mr. Waddell provided an update and details of House Bills HB276, HB282, HB372 and HB536, and Senate Bills SB123, SB160 and SB240. Mr. Waddell advised he will continue to watch the progression of the bills and inform the Board accordingly.

Dr. Foret called for discussion on the unclassified staff annual compensation review. Mr. Guidry advised the committee met for the annual evaluation and compensation review of PCF Executive Director Ken Schnauder and Claims Manager Kurt Loup. He advised the committee did research on other Executive Director positions within the State. He advised they were very pleased with Mr. Schnauder's performance and recommended an increase in his annual salary to

$204,500, to be at the lower end of comparable positions. He advised they were also recommending a 4% increase in Mr. Loup's annual salary. Mr. Waddell moved to approve the recommended increases in the salaries, to be effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Ruel seconded the motion; by verbal vote, the motion was approved with no dissenting votes. Mr. Loup and Mr. Schnauder both thanked the Board for their confidence and support.

Dr. Foret asked for the financial and budget reports. Ms. Woodard informed the Board the Fund balance for the fiscal year to date was approximately $1,106,528,571, the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately $120,641,054 and the total net filing fees collected to date were $234,325. She advised the reported investment income through March was $24,754,029, the total operating expenses to date were $4,818,821, and the claims expenses to date were $115,432,055. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

Mr. Schnauder advised the Board the current claims budget is $130,000,000 and, given the current claims expenditures, would be exhausted long before the fiscal year ends. He requested the Board increase the claims budget to $145,000,000. After some discussion, Mr. Naquin moved to approve the $15,000,000 increase of the claims budget. Dr. Alvarado seconded the motion; by verbal vote, the motion was approved with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Foret called for the claims report. Mr. Loup informed the Board for the month of April there were 80 panels filed, 109 panels closed, 93 claims opened, and 121 claims closed, ending the month with total pending claims count of 4,330. Mr. Loup advised $207,781 in judicial interest were paid for the month and $185,084 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Mr. Loup presented 22 claims for settlement approval for the month in the amount of $8,942,350. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

Dr. Foret asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Dr. Foret thanked the guests for attending the meeting. Mr. Ruel then made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session; Mr. Guidry seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous, and the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

Dr. Christopher Foret, Chairman

6/6/19

Date