

Pension and Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Summary

June 17, 2020

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 and Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met on June 16, 2020.

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

AGENDA ITEM 6a
 The addition of the Sharp Medicare Advantage plan, service area changes for Anthem
 Blue Cross Select Medicare Advantage and Blue Shield of California Trio, and benefit
 design changes for Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage and UnitedHealthcare Group

The Committee received reports on the following topics:

Medicare Advantage for the 2021 plan year.

- The Committee received information regarding the 2021 preliminary Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) health plan rates and the challenges and changes facing the Long-Term Care program.
- The Committee received public comment regarding appreciation of a thorough presentation and transparency of information, and concerns regarding an increase in Long-Term care rates.

The Chair directed staff to:

- Temporarily suspend new Long-Term Care policies.
- Extend Covid-19 cost sharing through December 2020.

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

- Final HMO and PPO health plan rates will be approved at the July Board of Administration Offsite.
- The Committee will review proposed revisions to the PHBC Delegation and the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program competitive strategy.
- The Committee will also receive an update on mental health, prescription drug spending, and the PPO Health Plan Assessment.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for September 15, 2020, in Sacramento, California.