

AGENDA

THE MEETING OF THE

DISABILITY PROCEDURES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

and

BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 North Lake Avenue, 8th Floor Board Room
Pasadena, CA 91101

February 6, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. **

Membership

Marvin Adams, Chair
Ed C. Morris, Vice Chair
Alan Bernstein
Yves Chery
Shawn 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 December 5, 2012 (attached)

III. FOR INFORMATION

A. Discussion regarding Members Records:
Privacy/Collection/Retention.

B. Discussion regarding acceptance of Physician Statements

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding frequency and timing of Case Delivery

V. MISCELLANEOUS (Discussion)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

**300 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM, PASADENA, CA 91101
GATEWAY PLAZA**

February 6, 2013, 12:40 p.m. – 1:16 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Marvin Adams, Chair
Ed C. Morris, Vice Chair
Alan Bernstein
Yves Chery
Shawn Kehoe, Alternate

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

William de la Garza
Vivian Gray
Sadonya Antebi

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Gregg Rademacher
Steve Tallant
Jorja Frank
Ricki Contreras
Frank Boyd
Vincent Lim
Robb Van Der Volgen
Maisha Coulter
Angie Guerrero

Oliver Kuzma, M.D.
Andy Demetroulis
Barry Lew
Nichelle Porter
Mercie Martinez
Maria Muro
Debra Martin
Darren Huey
Hernan Barrientos

Anna Kwan
Penelope Huerta
Vickie Neely
Laura Delgado
Tamara Caldwell
Debbie Semnarian
Kerri Wilson
Russell Lurina

ATTORNEYS
Thomas J. Wicke

GUEST SPEAKER
NONE

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF December 5, 2012

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Chery to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding frequency and timing of Case Delivery

Miss Antebi proposed changing the case delivery from twice a month to once a month. Ms. Contreras advised the Committee that the case delivery originally consisted of once a month and was changed to twice a month at the request of the Board.

Ms. Contreras discussed the following with the Committee regarding the request to change case delivery to once a month:

- Decide on delivery schedule
- The impact the change will cause other departments
- Cases may be delayed the first month as staff adjusts to new workflow

After a lengthy discussion and input from the Committee a motion was made by Mr. Chery and seconded by Mr. Adams to accept the case delivery to once a month. Due to a tie vote, the motion failed. Mr. Bernstein then made a motion that the case delivery be moved to the Board of Retirement without a recommendation from the Committee. Mr. Chery seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

**A. Discussion regarding Members Records:
Privacy/Collection/Retention**

At the November 6, 2012, Board of Retirement meeting, Miss Antebi advised the Board that a discussion regarding "Member Records" be placed on the January 2, 2013, Committee agenda. Miss Antebi was not present to discuss the item.

Miss Antebi and staff discussed the process of:

- The privacy of a disability case.
- What part of the case process is Disability Litigation a part of and why.
- Reasons why an investigator reviews the member's medical records.
- Besides the investigator, who else reviews the member's medical records.

B. Discussion regarding acceptance of Physician Statements

At the November 6, 2012, Board of Retirement meeting, Miss Antebi advised the Board that a discussion regarding the "acceptance of Physician Statements" be placed on the January 2, 2013, Committee agenda. Miss Antebi was not present to discuss the item.

Miss Antebi and staff discussed the acceptance of physician statements from physicians who do not specialize in the member's disability. Ms. Contreras advised the Committee that our current policy is "a qualified physician is allowed to complete the physician statement". She advised the Committee that if they would like, they could discuss the current policy or advise staff further. There was no further discussion.

V. MISCELLANEOUS (Discussion)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Disability Procedures and Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

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