



**Medical Benefits Committee**

Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2006

3:00 pm

Room 804A

Present: Pegi Ard, Debora Bone, Doug Deaver, Olivia Hand, Kate Hartzell, Leah Hlavaty, Cathleen Reno, Cliff Nichols, Topsy Smalley, Stephanie Stainback, Sue Torres, Kathie Welch

Absent: Sue Holt, Michele Rivard

I. Call to Order

Pegi opened the meeting at 3:02 pm.

II. Agenda Modifications

None.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for 12/12/05 were approved (Bone/Welch).

IV. SISC Presentation to SCCSHIG JPA

Pegi thanked the committee for attending the SISC presentation today and asked for feedback. Positive comments from the committee were:

- SISC appears to be on top of things; professional; proactive
- Exhibit leadership and offer guidance; appear very knowledgeable
- Retirees rated as a separate pool
- Non-profit approach
- Specific representative assigned to each district
- Willing to let part time employees between 50% and 99% opt out of coverage
- Section 125 debit card is an advantage
- Free generic drugs at Costco a benefit

Important issues remain:

- Rates and plan designs
- Ability to opt out for less than 100% workers
- Deadline for final withdrawal from SCCSHIG JPA

Members of the committee that had contacted their counterparts also shared their feedback. Most all feedback was positive with vague negative feedback.

Pegi will get census data and SISC III Health Plans and Premiums—the full plan information and rates for 2005-06.

The group agreed to solicit others quotes from Gallagher as well as SISC.

- V. Bargaining implications—It was agreed that a joint union task force would be formed to look at bargaining implications. A meeting will be held at the earliest possible time.

Plan a forum at end of February.

Next meeting date: 2/16 at 1:00 pm in room 511.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.