

MINUTES

PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

January 7, 2010

WOMAN'S HOSPITAL
BATON ROUGE, LA.

Mr. Clark Cossé, Chairman, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board, at 6:30 PM on Thursday January 7, 2010, at the Woman's Hospital Corporate Board Room in Baton Rouge.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Clark Cossé	Mr. Joe Donchess	Mr. Manual DePascual
Dr. Katharine Rathbun	Mr. Kent Guidry	
Mr. James Hritz	Dr. William LaCorte	

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Melanie Firmin
Dr. Van Culotta

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. Dave Woolridge	Adam Thames
Mrs. Barbara Woodard	Mrs. Lynn Duszynski	

Mr. Cossé called the meeting to order. Mr. Cossé asked that the record show seven board members in attendance and a quorum was present. Mr. Cossé welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Mr. Cossé asked for public comments. No public comments were made.

Mr. Cossé called for the approval of the December minutes. Dr. Rathbun moved for the minutes to be approved with no corrections. Mr. Donchess seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted and there were no dissenting votes.

Mr. Cossé asked for the financial reports. Mrs. Woodard informed the Board that due to the removal of the one position from the total positions allocated to the PCF, the appropriation balance on the financial sheet had changed to reflect the \$31,317 decrease. Mrs. Woodard informed the Board that the remaining operating budget was as expected. The guests attending

the meeting were informed that the PCF financial information would be posted on the PCF website the following day. Mrs. Woodard explained to the Board that research was done and information was found regarding the overall structure of similar funds. Mr. Cossé was given a copy and an e-copy will be sent to the remaining board members.

Mr. Cossé asked for the claims manager report. Mr. Schnauder reported that 727 more claims had been closed than opened for the past year and overall there had been a 12% decrease in the pending cases for 2009. As of this meeting, there have been 1,500 claims filed in 2009, and this is the least filed since 1994. Mr. Schnauder informed the Board that the 2010 judicial interest rate was 3.75% and that it was the lowest it has ever been. Mr. Schnauder explained that the PCF had paid out \$600,000 less in interest for fiscal year 2009 compared to 2008. Mr. Schnauder reported that for the first six months of this fiscal year, \$67,000,000 has been expended from the claims budget. There have been 229 claims settled, and that the severity seems to be worse on a few claims, but the overall average payout is lower per claim the first six months of the current fiscal year compared to the same time frame last year. He informed the Board that within the next couple of months, a decision would need to be made on the need to increase the current budget authority for claim payments. This will require submitting a BA7 to the Office of Planning and Budget and requests must be based on estimated amounts that clearly show the need for additional funds. Mr. Cossé stated that they would wait until next month to determine if more money would be requested.

Mr. Cossé asked if there were any public comments, there were none. Mr. Cossé thanked the guests for attending the meeting and the General Session was adjourned.

Dr. Rathbun made the motion for the Board to move into Executive Session and Mr. DePascual seconded the motion. The Board moved into the Executive Session to discuss matters in litigation.

Clark R. Cossé III, Chairman