

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BOARD

July 15, 2008

The Metropolitan Employee Benefit Board met in a Special Called session on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in the Civil Service Conference Room, Suite 163, 222 Building, Third Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Benefit Board members: Chair: Ann V. Butterworth; Vice Chair: Clyde D. Smith; Members: Christine Bradley, Douglas D. Conquest, Sr., B.R. Hall, Sr., Edna J. Jones, and Richard M. Riebeling.

Members James H. Johnson, Dorothy Shell-Berry and H. Russell White were unable to be present.

Others present: Shannon B. Hall, Metro Human Resources, Nicki Eke, Attorney, Metro Legal Department and Dr. Christopher Fletcher, Civil Service Medical Examiner.

BENEFIT BOARD ITEMS

The Human Resources staff submitted the following for the Board's consideration and appropriate action:

1. Plan design and pricing information regarding pharmacy benefits.

Shannon Hall reviewed the report with the Board. She stated that Jeff Gossage, Purchasing Department, and Corey Sherman, Buck Consultants, will be discussing the procurement process and pricing.

Jeff Gossage reviewed the negotiations process for pharmacy benefits with Walgreens Health Initiatives (WHI) and Blue Cross Blue Shield. He discussed some of the criteria, the scoring, and pricing with the Board.

Corey Sherman reviewed some of the responses from WHI and Blue Cross related to service.

Jeff Gossage stated that it is recommended to enter into contract negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield for pharmacy benefits.

Clyde Smith moved for approval of the recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield for pharmacy benefits as the pharmacy benefit manager beginning January 1, 2009. Edna Jones seconded.

There was some discussion of issues with maintenance drugs.

After discussion of the progress/timeline with the contract negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and having the final contract brought back to the Board for final approval, a vote was taken on the motion and was approved unanimously by the Board.

With nothing further presented, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Mrs. Dorothy Shell-Berry, Interim Director
Human Resources**

**Ms. Ann V. Butterworth, Chair
Employee Benefit Board**