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HEALTH SERVICE BOARD

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

and

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:02 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Committee Chair, Zvanski - Present
President Mary Hao - Present
Commissioner Fiona Wilson, MD.- Present

3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - This is an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda, including requesting that the Board place a matter on a future agenda.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Sanchez, a retiree with Protect Our Benefits, expressed gratitude to HSS staff for addressing the long wait time for the Blue Shield Customer Service phone line and investigating concerns regarding the relationship between John Muir Medical Center and Blue Shield.

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVE HEALTH SERVICE BOARD CONTINGENCY RESERVE POLICY 210 REVISIONS:(Action)**

[See the pdf of the HSB Contingency Reserve Policy 210 Revisions Presentation](#)

[See the pdf of the HSB Contingency Reserve Policy 210 Revisions Redlined](#)

Mike Clarke, Lead Actuary, Aon, presented the following items:

- Introduction
- Background
- Rationale for Removing Active Dental PPO Plan from Policy 210
- Recommendation for HSB action

President Hao moved to approve the recommendation to adopt the proposed language modifications with Health Service Board Contingency Reserve Policy 210 that will remove the active dental PPO plan from Policy 210. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Sanchez, a retiree with Protect Our Benefits, requested that the motion be continued until January to provide the new administration sufficient time to get up to speed and consider its necessity.

Commissioner Wilson suggested voting, knowing the actions taken today are recommendations and that there will be an opportunity for further discussion, review, and public comment next week at the full Board meeting. Chair Zvanski agreed.

VOTE: Ayes: Hao, Wilson, and Zvanski Noes: None

ACTION: The Health Service Board Governance Committee unanimously approved the proposed language modifications to Health Service Board Contingency Reserve Policy 210 that will remove the active dental PPO plan from Policy 210.

5. **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SFHSS RULES AND SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR PLAN YEAR 2025 REVISIONS: (Action)**

[See the pdf of the SFHSS Rules and Cafeteria Plan PY2025 Revisions Presentation](#)

[See the pdf of the SFHSS Rules PY2025 Revisions Redlined](#)

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Olga Stavinskaya-Velasquez, SFHSS Operations Manager, presented the following item:

- San Francisco Health Service System Governing Rules
 - What is a Cafeteria Plan, and why do we have one?
 - Key Requirements of the Cafeteria Plan
 - San Francisco Health Service System Rules
- Proposed Changes
 - San Francisco Health Service System Rules
 - Cafeteria Plan

Chair Zvanski asked what risks are associated with failing to comply with the Cafeteria Plan. Olga Stavinskaya-Velasquez said Employers are required to create and maintain certain plan documents that are designed to ensure that its Cafeteria Plan is compliant with applicable laws and regulations, including the benefits that are offered, who is eligible to participate, the manner of the contributions and other legal notices. This must be adopted by valid Board action and is amended in the same way. This is an annual process that we go through. She also said noncompliance with the requirements of Section 125 would risk approximately \$263,401,792 in pretax dollars for 2024.

Commissioner Hao moved to approve the SFHSS Rules and the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Sanchez, a retiree with Protect Our Benefits, inquired whether there was a specific deadline for acting on the issue and suggested that it might be more appropriate to carry the matter over to the January meeting in light of the upcoming change in administration.

Executive Abbie Yant said the rules and revisions are for plan year 2025 so the Board must approve for January 1, 2025.

VOTE: Ayes: Hao, Wilson, and Zvanski Noes: None

ACTION: The Health Service Board Governance Committee unanimously approved the SFHSS Rules and the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

6. INITIATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION OF SFHSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2024: (Action)

[See pdf of the Performance Evaluation of SFHSS Executive Director 2024 Timeline](#)

[See pdf of the Performance Evaluation of SFHSS Executive Director 2024](#)

Holly Lopez, Board Secretary, presented the following items:

- Name of Employee and Position: Abbie Yant, SFHSS Executive Director
- HSB Performance Evaluation: Rating Scale, Areas to address, Self-Assessment, Evaluators
- HSB Performance Evaluation Timeline

Holly Lopez noted that in past years, the evaluation timeline began at the end of December, and we're looking to close out this year, give the Board a break, and then refocus and complete it by the end of January 2025.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the evaluation format is the same as in prior years. Holly Lopez said it is. She said the Board reviews the Policies and Terms of Reference at least every three years, but this year does not require a deep review or changes.

Commissioner Hao moved to initiate the public employee evaluation of the SFHSS Executive Director for 2024. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOTE: Ayes: Hao, Wilson, and Zvanski Noes: None

ACTION: The Health Service Board Governance Committee unanimously approved initiating the San Francisco Health Service System Public Employee Performance evaluation and timeline.

7. INITIATE ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICE BOARD SELF-EVALUATION: (Action)

[See the pdf of the HSB Self-Evaluation for Plan Year 2024 Timeline](#)

[See the pdf of the HSB Self-Evaluation for Plan Year 2024](#)

Holly Lopez, Board Secretary, presented the following items:

- HSB Self-Evaluation for Plan Year 2024 Timeline
- HSB Self-Evaluation for Plan Year 2024: Rating score, Sections to

Holly Lopez noted that in past years, the evaluation timeline began at the end of December, and we're looking to close out this year, give the Board a break, and then refocus and complete it by the end of January 2025.

Commissioner Wilson suggested the year be changed in question 37 to read "Please rate the following Education Topics for 2025. She suggested question number 39 language be changed from "report" to "estimate" so the final question reads " Please estimate how many self-study hours you have completed between January-December 2024." She also suggested that question number 41 be changed to ask commissioners to estimate how many hours they had participated in conferences.

Commissioner Wilson moved to initiate the Health Service Board's annual Self-Evaluation and timeline for Plan Year 2024 with proposed modifications. Commissioner Hao seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOTE: Ayes: Hao, Wilson, and Zvanski Noes: None

ACTION: The Health Service Board Governance Committee unanimously approved the initiation of the Health Service Board's annual Self-Evaluation and timeline for Plan Year 2024 with proposed modifications.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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