

HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Thursday, March 1, 2012

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Mr. Derek Mizuno, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Dean Hirata, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ms. Loretta Fuddy  
Ms. Audrey Hidano (left 10:40 am)

Ms. Barbara Krieg (arrived at 10:08 am)  
Ms. Karolyn Mossman  
Ms. Celeste Nip  
Mr. Clifford Uwaine

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Mr. Everett Kaneshige

ATTORNEY

Ms. Sarah Hirakami, Deputy Attorney General  
Mr. Kyle Chang, Deputy Attorney General

EUTF STAFF

Ms. Barbara Coriell, Administrator  
Ms. Sandi Yahiro, Assistant Administrator  
Ms. Maria Quartero

Mr. Tom Morrison, Consultant (via conference call)

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Nikki Bassett, informedRx  
Mr. Christian Fern, HMSA

Mr. Tony Malone, HMSA

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Trustee Derek Mizuno, Vice-Chairperson, in EUTF Conference Room, 201 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made for the Board to move into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda. (Hirata/Mossman) The motion passed unanimously. (Employer Trustees-4/Employee-Beneficiary Trustees-4)

Executive Session adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Vice-Chair Mizuno reported that the Board has taken the following actions in Executive Session.

1. Approval of withdrawing the Aon ERRP Supplemental Contract due to lack of funds with the ERRP program for claims submitted July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Retirees Not Enrolled in Medicare Part B

Ms. Barbara Coriell reported that the EUTF notified, according to our system, retirees not enrolled in Medicare Part B and will be advising them that they need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B and if they are not, the EUTF will be terminating their coverage effective July 1, 2012. The open enrollment period for Medicare ends March 31, 2012. The EUTF will be sending another letter sometime next week to inform people that these are the deadlines coming up. The issue recently discussed with the EUTF Managers is for those not enrolled in Medicare Part B that may not be able to enroll because the open enrollment for Medicare ends March 31, 2012. Ms. Coriell stated she hopes all will respond to the EUTF letter but wants the Board to be aware that there is a possibility that approximately 2,000 people may be terminated. This matter may be discussed further at the next Board meeting and Ms. Coriell suggests that the board may consider informing those that may want to appeal that the Legislation says that the employer contribution to the coverage is contingent on you enrolling in Medicare Part B, you did not enroll, therefore; we will extend the coverage as long as you pay the full premium. It would at least allow the people to have the coverage. Trustee Nip is requesting that the EUTF provide, at the next Board meeting, how many in the population were notified, responses received, potential terminations, and how additional communication to the retirees can be sent through the EUTF or union offices. Discussion held by Trustees and staff regarding that the problem is for those ages 65 not enrolled in Medicare Part B at all and will not be able to enroll in Medicare Part B if they miss the open enrollment that ends March 31, 2012.

IV. REPORTS

A. Legislative Bills Related to EUTF

This item is deferred until the next Board meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean Hirata, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED on August 2, 2012 as amended.

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