

PEBP BOARD MEETING January 25, 2018

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A flu bug kept the attendance light at the January 25 meeting of the Public Employees' Benefits Program Board.

Several No. NV members called into the meeting, due to the illness that has plagued the PEBP staff in recent weeks, and dangerous icy roads between Reno and Carson City didn't help either. But the show had to go on, and so it did, although it only lasted around three hours to cover a fairly light agenda with only one person making public comment once the meeting ended.

Lengthy reports on Ethics and Open Meeting Laws dominated the first hour or so of the meeting that began at 9:00 a.m. Both were considered training sessions that happen at least once a year...and were followed by a presentation from PEBP's Executive Officer Damon Haycock about the Plan Year 2019 Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) the board approved in November that'll see PEBP offering a new plan for participants in a cost saving measure. Haycock said more information will be coming at their March meeting, adding that PEBP intends to conduct a Town Hall Meeting in Fallon in mid-April as that area won't have a hospital in the plan under this new replacement plan.

Next, Haycock covered a Participant Satisfaction Survey done in November, needed so the agency could get accreditation. He said they kept the survey of actives and retirees simple and they received nearly ten thousand responses, 40% of it from retirees. He said they learned participants want better education available to them regarding to PEBP in general as well as forthcoming changes. He said PEBP needs to get out in the community more in that regard.

Under the Executive Directors' report, Haycock provided a 2nd quarter update relating to Enhanced Health Savings Arrangement (HSA)/Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) funding in the Consumer Driven High Deductible plan. Started in July last year, PEBP implemented a \$200 enhanced HSA/HRA for non-Medicare employees and retirees tied to the completion of annual preventive services such as annual medical appointments or dental cleanings. He said as of December 31 there have been nearly 12-hundred participants who have met all the requirements and received their \$200 enhanced benefit.

One of the handouts at this meeting came under PEBP's Operations Report that noted Spring Retiree Meetings to be held in Las Vegas, Carson City and Reno. There will be two meeting per day from 9-11am focusing on participants aging in to Medicare and the afternoon meeting from 12-Noon to 2pm focusing on the HRA's for those that are already Medicare eligible. The meetings will begin March 14 in No. Las Vegas at the College of Southern Nevada NLV campus, C Building, Conference Room 2638, 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave, No Las Vegas. Another meeting is March 15 in Carson City at the Nevada Army National Guard Auditorium 2460 Fairview Drive, same times, 9-11am and Noon-2; and the last meeting is March 16 at TMCC, Sierra Building Room 204, 7000 Dandini Blvd.

Finally the same report noted upcoming HRA Onsite Assistance meetings that will be held in February and March in Las Vegas and Carson City. These meetings are done by appointment only and will be held in the south February 12, 13 and 14 and again in March on the 12th and 13th. In Carson City the February meetings are on the 15th and 16 as well as on March 15. Additionally one day of one-on-one assistance will be offered in Reno on March 16.

The next regular PEBP Board meeting will be March 22.