

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

of the

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

for the

February 16, 2017

Regular Public Meeting

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The members of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the state of Oklahoma met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on February 16, 2017. Members present: Chairman Gilliland, Commissioner Liotta, and Commissioner Russell.

Others in attendance on behalf of the Commission: Kim Bailey, John Crittenden, Stormy Moore and Tiffany Pratt.

Chairman Gilliland expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, he announced the presence of a quorum and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was read. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gilliland presented the minutes of the January 18, 2017, January 19, 2017 and February 2, 2017 public meetings for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Liotta moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017, January 19, 2017 and February 2, 2017 public meetings.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Liotta, Commissioner Russell, and Chairman Gilliland.

The motion carried.

1. <u>Discussion and Consideration of Distribution of Surplus Monies to Members</u> of the Metropolitan Health Care Association

The Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group (the Group) has requested to make a partial distribution in the amount of \$1,200,000 which will be payable to all current members who participated in contract years 2009, 2010, and 2011. The Group has a financial surplus of \$5,297,285 for all years combined; as indicated in the financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2016. The date and manner of the distribution shall be declared by the association's board and shall be in accordance with the association's bylaws. The board shall submit the

distribution request to the Commission, with all supporting documents. The Commission considered approving the distribution of surplus monies to members of the Metropolitan Health Care Self Insured Group.

Stormy Moore, Insurance Director, made a presentation and recommended approval.

Motion: Commissioner Liotta moved to approve the distribution of surplus monies as recommended.

Second: Chairman Gilliland.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Liotta, Commissioner Russell, and Chairman Gilliland.

The motion carried.

2. Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding

85A O.S. §23 states any commissioner or employee of the Commission shall be entitled to receive his or her necessary traveling expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The expenses shall be certified by the person who incurred them and shall be allowed and paid on presentation of vouchers approved by the Commission. In accordance with this section, the Commission considered a vote to approve the currently outstanding vouchers.

Motion: Commissioner Liotta moved to approve the travel vouchers currently outstanding.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Liotta, Commissioner Russell and Chairman Gilliland.

The motion carried.

Reports

Legislative Report

Commissioner Liotta reported on meetings he has attended with legislators. He also reported on current workers' compensation legislation that is making its way through the legislative process.

2017 Educational Conference Report

Commissioner Jordan reported that the Educational Conference Planning Committee had been formed and met in January. Commissioner Jordan also read list of session topics that were decided on and explained the committee is in the process of securing speakers.

Announcements

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 16, 2017.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Motion: Commissioner Liotta moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Russell.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Liotta, Commissioner Russell, and Chairman Gilliland.

The motion carried.

Chairman Gilliland announced the meeting was adjourned.