

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
Final – Minutes of Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Special Trust Meeting

The following Trustees were present via phone and a quorum was met:

Bryant Powell, Chairperson	City of Apache Junction
David Fitzhugh, Vice Chairperson	City of Avondale
Mike Duran, Trustee	Buckeye Valley Fire District
Dr. Spencer Isom, Trustee	City of El Mirage
Grady Miller, Trustee	Town of Fountain Hills
Gregory Rose, Trustee	City of Maricopa

The following Alternate Trustees were present via phone:

James Alcantar	Town of Youngtown
Kathleen Haggerty	City of Maricopa
Sandra King	City of El Mirage
Leo Lew	Pinal County
Lisa Neubert	Sun City Fire District
Liz Riley	City of Apache Junction
Ray Temple	Buckeye Valley Fire District
David Trimble	Town of Fountain Hills

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Lacy began with roll call.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re Subrogation Settlement

Ms. Schulenberg reminded Trustees that a lien proposal was presented at the April 25th meeting and was rejected by unanimous vote. It was noted the proposal was presented by the member's attorney and not recommended by SRP, the Trust's subrogation vendor. After notifying AmeriBen of the decision, SRP responded and recommended AzMT reconsider and accept the \$10,000 proposed settlement. Russ Bowman with SRP was on the phone and noted that there is only \$100,000 from the third-party; there two liens (AzMT - \$100,015 and Hospital - \$200,000), plus the attorney fee is estimated at \$33,000. The recommendation is to accept the \$10,000 settlement offer as opposed to the possibility of receiving no reimbursement.

Trustee Rose made a motion to approve the settlement offer as presented, seconded by Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh and unanimously carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action re Medical Claims Appeal # 1

Ms. Schulenberg reported to Trustees that an appeal was received on behalf of a member who is disputing the plan under which her maternity claims were processed. The member was enrolled

in the EPO plan and upon birth of the child the member added coverage for the baby and changed to the HDHP plan. The member was under the impression that the changes would be effective 30 days after the qualifying event; however, coverage begins as of the date of birth. The member requested that AzMT reconsider the claims under the EPO plan as it was their understanding from AmeriBen that the plan in place at the time of admission would pay the claims. AmeriBen clarified that they reviewed the call logs and noted mis-information was not given.

Trustees discussed that the plan language should be tightened up so members cannot change plans during a qualifying event.

Chairperson Powell made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Trustee Rose and unanimously carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re Medical Claims Appeal #2

Ms. Schulenberg stated that ECA received an appeal on behalf of a member by an out-of-network surgical facility claiming that the payment was not sufficient compared to what they have received in the past. The payment was accurately paid in accordance to the Summary Plan Document. The difference is the plan change that was effective July 01 to process out-of-network claims as Medicare-Like Rates, which resulted in a lower reimbursement than under the previous pricing methodology.

Trustee Miller made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Trustee Duran and unanimously carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re Membership Offer to NCFMD/Arizona Fire & Medical Authority

Michael Hensley with Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, the Trust's legal counsel explained that the item is on the agenda as a membership offer requires a 2/3 vote; during the April meeting, some of the entities who were present had to leave before a vote was taken. As a result, although a quorum was present and a majority of members who were present approved the motion to extend an offer, the vote failed to receive the required 2/3 of the membership. It was recommended that Trustees vote to reconsider the vote.

Trustee Rose made a motion to reconsider the vote, seconded by Trustee Duran and motion unanimously carried.

Trustee Rose withdrew his motion to offer membership and Trustee Isom withdrew his second.

Trustees discussed their concerns regarding the JPA and that they may be treading into a territory that they don't necessarily want to go without more information and education.

Trustee Isom made a motion to deny membership, seconded by Vice Chairman Fitzhugh; the motion carried by majority vote with Trustee Duran and Alternate Trustee Neubert opposing.

6. Discussion and Possible Action re Membership Offer to CAFMA

Ms. Schulenberg reviewed the membership application from the Central Arizona Fire and Medial District for an effective date of July 01, 2017.

Trustee Rose made a motion to deny an offer of membership to CAFMA, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously carried.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re Membership Offer to Superstition Fire

Ms. Schulenberg reviewed the membership application from Superstition Fire for an effective date of July 01, 2017.

Trustee Rose made a motion to deny an offer of membership to Superstition Fire, seconded by Trustee Duran and unanimously carried.

8. Call to the Public

No comments were made by the public.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Lacy
Recording Secretary