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Minutes of CHCF-B Administrative Committee (AC) March 20, 2008

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Golden Gate Room
San Francisco, CA 94102

Attendees:

Primary Members

Charlie Born, Frontier
Mike Foreman, AT&T
Robert Lehman, DRA

Liaisons:

Donna Wong, –Communications Division
Sindy Yun, Legal
Flora Tagnipes, Fiscal

Others:

Angel Ahsam, CPUC
Larry Hirsch, CPUC
Norman Low, CPUC
Mary Evans, Public Advisors office

The meeting was called to order at 10:36am by Robert Lehman.

The following handouts was distributed: (1) draft minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting; (2) Fiscal report on CHCF-B balance and revenue as of February 29, 2008.

1. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Fiscal Report on the CHCF-B Fund

Flora Tagnipes distributed a handout showing the B-Fund balance, claims paid, and revenue as of February 29, 2008. The cash balance was \$259,831,550 as of 2/29/2008.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Previous December 11, 2007 meeting

The draft minutes were approved as presented with the following modifications:

- Insert page numbers on the draft
- In item 4, under “Other Administrative Matters”, rearrange the sequence of items

5. Liaison Staff Reports

a. Administrative Committee Budget Update

There was concern in the AC as to whether there was enough cash in the B-Fund given the recent changes affecting the B-Fund. Larry Hirsch responded that Communications Division (CD) recently sent data requests (due mid April 2008) to the COLRs to obtain estimates of claims for FY2009-10. Mike Foreman said the carriers should in their estimates reflect the \$36 threshold calculation methodology changes effective 7/1/2009. Robert Lehman asked which Decision describes the July 1, 2009 threshold rate structure changes and was told D.07-09-020. Sindy Yun added that the interim opinion provides enough guidance for a couple of years until a final decision comes out.

b. Legal -

Claim disbursements - In the previous AC meeting, Helen Mickiewicz mentioned looking into the proprietary nature of claims disbursements. As a follow up, Sindy Yun confirmed the claims disbursement information is public information since it is rate payer's money.

Conflict of Interest update – Sindy Yun provided an update of the conflict of interest rules. She said an attempt (via memo to the Office of Governmental Affairs or OGA) to get an author to sponsor legislation on this issue was unsuccessful. Will try again next year. In the meantime it is business as usual. The goal is to do away with conflict to allow members to participate more freely.

Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interest) requirement for AC members - Donna Wong will send Form 700 to the AC members who must file by April 1, 2008.

c. Public Advisor's report – CBO alternate member vacancies

Mary Evans reported that Jeanine Renfro-Woods of the Sickie Cell Community office in Oakland, has been confirmed as an alternate AC member, replacing Diana Lee, formerly with Sickie Cell Community, Oakland.

Still waiting for Mary Evans/Public Advisors office to recruit for a replacement for Marlisa Johnson, CBO alternate.

Sindy Yun suggested that Donna Wong contact the alternates once these alternates are confirmed and to create a new member package which will include the AC charter, annual report, minutes.

d. Other Administrative Matters –

Donna Wong asked Mike Foreman how AT&T will be calculating their subsidy for April 2008 given the fact that AT&T's basic rate will increase to \$10.94 effective 4/18/08. Mike said that AT&T's calculation will include partial revenue at \$10.94 and partial revenue at \$10.69.

Mike further mentioned that both he and Charlie Born recuse themselves from the Budget.

6. Budget – already discussed

7. Announcements

Charlie Born is now formally on the Committee, as primary member.

8. New agenda items

- Charlie Born asked if it was an appropriate time to discuss, as a Committee, updates with legislation for the B-fund, i.e. legislation and CASF to extend the B-Fund. Robert Lehman said having the discussion is okay. Robert Lehman said he would like to get caught up on the B-Fund legislation. Charlie said he can provide the latest updates on where the bills are.
- A question was asked of when the CASF will sunset, to which someone answered at least two years.
- AT&T's advice letter. Norman Low mentioned that Advice Letter AL32208 was filed yesterday by AT&T. This is a tier 2 advice letter and includes multiple changes which will go into effect 30 days.

9. Date(s) and time(s) for future meetings

Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Minutes submitted by Donna Wong