

# **INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 11-4-10**

## **PRESENT**

- Les Robbins, Chair
- William de la Garza, Vice Chair
- Edward L. Blecksmith
- Simon S. Russin
- Marvin Adams, Alternate

## **ALSO ATTENDING:**

## **BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**

- Yves Chery
- Ed C. Morris

## **STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS**

- Leilani Ignacio
- Mercer Human Resource Consulting
- Clay Levister

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robbins at 9:35 a.m.

### **1. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER(S) IN THE EVENT ONE OR MORE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ABSENT**

All regular members of the Committee were present.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. de la Garza, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. FOR INFORMATION**

#### **1. Staff Activities Report for October, 2010**

The staff activities report was discussed.

#### **2. Federal Legislation**

- Weekly Highlights – October 25, 2010
- Weekly Highlights – October 18, 2010
- Weekly Highlights – October 11, 2010
- Weekly Highlights – October 4, 2010

Earlier last month a federal court in Michigan ruled that the federal health care reform's individual coverage mandate is justified. Florida has also challenged that mandate, as well as the increased burdens on states for expanding Medicaid eligibility, and it has been ruled that case can go forward.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has put together recommendations on medical loss ratios which have been submitted to the Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS). We should be hearing feedback on that, as well as seeing other clarifications on some aspects of health care reform regulations.

4. MISCELLANEOUS
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For discussion purposes only)

7. ADJOURNMENT

 PROMISED BENEFITS | In 1937, a promise was made to County employees; we exist to uphold that promise.

12/9/10