

HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
Minutes of the Benefits Committee Meeting  
August 20, 2002

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Ms. Joan Lewis, Chairperson  
Ms. Audrey Hidano, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Neal Miyahira  
Mr. Willard Miyake

GUEST TRUSTEES

Mr. Sam Callejo (Left 11:20 a.m.)  
Mr. Gerald Machida

ATTORNEY

Mr. Brian Aburano, Deputy Attorney General

HEUHBTF STAFF

Mr. H. Mark Fukuhara, Administrator  
Mr. John Garner, Consultant  
Ms. Gerti Reagan, Consultant

Ms. Lynette Fukunaga  
Ms. Shirley Kawamoto

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Jean Aoki, HSRTA  
Ms. Lynette Arakawa, HDS  
Mr. George Butterfield, HSTA-Retired  
Ms. Nani Crowell, HSTA MBC  
Ms. Alana Deppe-Mariota, Kaiser Permanente  
Ms. Monica Engle, VSP  
Ms. Elaine Fujiwara, HDS  
Ms. Ruth Kim, HSTA-Retired  
Mr. Tracy Matsumoto, ChiroPlan Hawaii

Mr. Norbert Mendes, HDS  
Mr. Maurice Morita, HSTA  
Ms. Sarah Moriyama, ORTA  
Mr. Michael Moss, HMSA  
Ms. Kären Muronaka, HSTA-Retired  
Ms. Sheri Oishi, Kaiser Permanente  
Mr. Rod Tam, HMSA  
Ms. Amy Yasuda, UOH

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Benefits Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Joan Lewis in Conference Room 405, Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, 235 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Tuesday, August 20, 2002.

There being no objection, Chair Lewis called a recess to allow the public time to review the documents distributed for discussion.

RECESS: 9:08 a.m. to 9:36 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the minutes for July 17, 2002 meeting as submitted.

(Hidano/Miyake)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Request for Proposal

1. Summary of Health Benefit Plan Designs

There being no objection, the Committee took this agenda item out of order to discuss the responses received from employers and employee groups on the

Summary of Health Benefit Plan Designs which was transmitted to them for comments.

Garner Consulting identified the issues presented in each of the letters. Comments were received from the County of Maui, City and County of Honolulu, United Public Workers (UPW), and Mr. Melvin Higa as requested by UPW. The Committee requested that letters acknowledging receipt of comments be prepared and sent out to the responders. The letters should include that the comments are being considered and will be reviewed by the Board for final determination, as well as encourage participation at the meeting.

Where possible, language to amend the RFP to address the issues that were raised will be incorporated into the RFP. Suggestions not pertaining to the RFP will be referred to the appropriate committee for its consideration.

RECESS: 11:14 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.

Consideration of comments submitted by UPW and Mr. Mel Higa continued.

2. RFP document

The Committee discussed whether Section 3 of the RFP would need to be discussed in detail, or whether it should be presented to the full Board for discussion and approval together with the RFP. Garner Consulting noted that the census and experience data for the carriers and the rate proposal forms are not yet complete.

MOTION was made to recommend to the full Board the complete RFP document for their consideration and approval. (Miyahira/Hidano)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND INPUT FROM ATTENDEES

Letters were received from Ms. Cheryl K. Okuma-Sepe, Messrs. Kenneth T. Taira, Gary W. Rodrigues, Melvin Higa. Mr. Gordon C. Murakami distributed his letter of August 20, 2002 during the discussion on the plan design document.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING

There are no meetings scheduled for the Benefits Committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn. (Hidano/Miyahira)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Radcliffe, Chairperson

APPROVED on July 17, 2003.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

1. Minutes of July 17, 2002. (4 pages)
2. Letter from the County of Maui dated August 13, 2002. (2 pages)
3. Letter from the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Human Resources, dated August 15, 2002. (2 pages)
4. Letter from United Public Workers dated August 19, 2002. (8 pages)
5. Letter from Mr. Melvin Higa dated August 19, 2002. (8 pages)
6. Letter from Mr. Gordon C. Murakami dated August 20, 2002 submitted at meeting. (1 page)
7. Section 3, Benefits to be Provided. (50 pages)
8. Request for Proposals No. 03-001 (redlined August 19, 2002). (65 pages)