

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
FINAL – Minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Quarterly Trust Meeting

The following Trustees were present 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
Trisha Sorensen, Trustee	City of Maricopa

The following Alternate Trustees were present:

Kathleen Haggerty	City of Maricopa
Jinnett Hancock	Town of Paradise Valley
Dawn Kurek	City of El Mirage
Leo Lew	Pinal County
Lisa Neubert	Sun City Fire District
Kathy Reyes	City of Avondale
Liz Riley	City of Apache Junction
Carolyn Sellmeyer	Litchfield Park
Ray Temple	Buckeye Valley Fire District
David Trimble	Town of Fountain Hills

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh, filling in for Chairperson Powell until he arrived.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re Prescription Appeal

Ms. Schulenberg reviewed the appeal on behalf of the member who is requesting coverage for a prescription that is not on the formulary due to AzMT excluding proton pump inhibitors as there are remedies available over-the-counter. The appellant suffers from laryngospasms which make it really difficult to breathe; she indicates the medication controls that condition.

Ms. Jackson, the appellant, reviewed her appeal and explained what she goes through when the “attacks” occur and showed a video that described her medical condition.

Once the video was over Trustees discussed the type of medication she was taking and the costs of the PPI. Trustees also clarified that the prescription could be purchased for \$11 to \$17 using a coupon from GoodRx.com, whereas if Trustees were to approve the appeal, the member would pay a \$125 co-payment.

Trustee Duran made a motion to approve the appeal, no one seconded so the motion failed.

Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Alternate Trust Trimble and unanimously carried with Trustees Duran and Powell abstaining.

3. Discussion and Possible Action re COBRA Appeal 1

Ms. Lacy reported that ECA received an appeal from an attorney on behalf of a COBRA member who is requesting to reinstate COBRA after the coverage was terminated for failure to timely pay. The October premium was received by AmeriBen \$100 short of the total and because the remaining amount was not processed within the grace period, the coverage was terminated. The appeal indicates that the COBRA member's new employer is responsible for paying the premiums and they were the ones that failed to make the correct payment.

Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice, seconded by Alternate Trustee Lew and unanimously carried.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 10:28 a.m.

The Board reconvened to regular session at 10:33 a.m.

Trustee Fitzhugh made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Alternate Trustee Hancock and unanimously carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re COBRA Appeal 2

Ms. Lacy reported that AzMT received an appeal of behalf of a member that is requesting to be enrolled in COBRA as they are unable to pay an outstanding dental invoice. The member's insurance terminated June 30, 2017 and AmeriBen mailed the COBRA packet to the address that was on file. According to the letter, the member received an invoice from their dental provider in October and that was when they called AmeriBen wanting COBRA coverage. AmeriBen explained that they had passed the 60-day time frame to enroll.

Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh made a motion to deny the request to enroll in COBRA, seconded by Alternate Trustee Trimble and unanimously carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re Medical Claims Appeal

Ms. Lacy stated that AzMT received another appeal from Advanced Reimbursement Solutions (ARS) on behalf of a member, who is disputing the payment that was made for services for non-emergent surgery stating that the payment was insufficient and referring to numerous ERISA plan provisions which do not apply to AzMT.

Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Alternate Trustee Hancock and unanimously carried.

6. Administrative Update

Ms. Schulenberg reported on the following administrative items:

- Trustee Changes as follows:
 - Carolyn Sellmeyer is present and representing Litchfield Park. Litchfield Park joined AzMT effective January 01, 2018.
 - David Fitzhugh is retiring in February.
 - James Shano and Dawn Kurek will be representing AzMT. Ms. Kurek announced that she has officially been promoted to HR Director.
 - Trisha Sorensen is the Interim City Manager for the City of Maricopa and will serve as Trustee until a full-time hire is made.
 - Jernon Kelly will be replacing James Alcantar as Alternate Trustee at the Town of Youngtown.
- Request to add newborn – As per the Trust’s direction, Ms. Schulenberg did not allow a mid-year plan change to add a newborn as it did not meet the plans rules.
- The Admin Group is meeting today to look over the 2018-19 budget and to bring forth recommendations to the upcoming renewal meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

8. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is the Annual Renewal Meeting February 12 - 14, 2018 in Tucson, AZ.

9. Call to the Public

Gina Montes announced that Dave Fitzhugh’s retirement gathering will be February 08 at the Main Event.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Alternate Trustee Trimble and unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Lacy
Recording Secretary