

# MINUTES

## North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Tuesday, March 13, 2007  
NDPERS Conference Room  
Via Conference Call  
1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Joan Ehrhardt  
Mr. Ron Leingang  
Mr. Howard Sage  
Ms. Rosey Sand  
Ms. Arvy Smith  
Mr. Thomas Trenbeath  
Chairman Jon Strinden

Others Present: Mr. Sparb Collins, Executive Director, NDPERS  
Ms. Cheryl Stockert, NDPERS  
Mr. Kathy Allen, NDPERS  
Ms. Sharmain Dschaak, NDPERS  
Mr. Bryan Reinhardt, NDPERS  
Mr. Aaron Webb, Attorney General's Office  
Mr. Larry Brooks, BCBSND  
Mr. Mike Potts, BCBSND  
Mr. Kevin Schoenborn, BCBSND  
Ms. Onalee Sellheim, BCBSND

Chairman Jon Strinden called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **HEALTH PLAN**

Mr. Collins reported to the Board that BCBSND has received confirmation from only two providers that wish to participate in the EPO program for 2007-2009 biennium. They are Craven Hagen Clinic and Primecare. BCBSND has agreed to allow PERS to offer to all six current participating EPO providers a non risk based contract in order to keep the EPO option available to the most members. With the deductibles rising during the next biennium, offering EPO to members would assist in lowering members' out of pocket expenses.

**MS. EHRHARDT MOVED TO ACCEPT BCBSND OFFER TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO FOR THE CURRENT PARTICIPATING EPO PROVIDERS IN THE STATE PLAN FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM AND DURING THE BIENNIUM EXPLORE OTHER ALTERNATIVES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. SAND.**

**Ayes:** Mr. Leingang, Ms. Sand, Ms. Smith, Ms. Ehrhardt, Mr. Trenbeath, and Chairman Strinden.

**Nays:** Mr. Sage

**MOTION PASSED**

**LEGISLATION**

Mr. Collins gave an update to the Board relating to NDPERS legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Prepared by,

Cheryl Stockert  
Secretary to the NDPERS Board