

NDPERS RETIREE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

May 18, 2015

MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERS: *Yvonne Smith

STAFF: *Sparb Collins, *Bryan Reinhardt, *Kathy Allen, *Deb Knudsen

INTEREST GROUPS: Bill Kalanek - AFPE/NASW
Stuart Savelkohl - NDPEA

Membership Representatives:

*Dave Zentner, *Weldee Baetsch, *David Gunkel, *Bill Lardy, *Ron Leingang *Howard Sage,
*Denae Kautzman, **Retirees:** *Deb Arnold, *Don Bitz

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1:00 – Sparb thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was to give an update on NDPERS. Sparb covered the presentation. The update on legislation had the bills approved and defeated. Portions of the NDPERS retirement bill ended up in the OMB final bill. Sparb explained the health plan bid. Howard asked if the preauthorization items could be listed on the web site. Weldee asked if a phone number could be used to answer questions. Staff noted that Sanford does have lines to a call center for questions. The NDPERS general number could also be used. Howard asked if Sanford has a phone app that can be used. Deb noted that they do have one for finding providers. It is not known if they have something for preauthorizations. It was discussed that email would be a good way to communicate with retirees.

2:05 – The group discussed the changes to the RHIC program. ASI Flex will now be administering the benefit. NDPERS premiums will be automatic, but others will need to be claimed similar to a flexcomp plan.

2:20 – The group discussed Medicare Part-D. PERS should stay in or get out completely. PERS would like the committee member to think about this and get together again in June and August to discuss suggestions for the NDPERS Board. PERS would also like feedback on how the RHIC and health plan transition is moving along.

2:50 – Sparb discussed the NDPERS budget options and concerns with the committee.

4:00 - Adjourn