

**DULUTH JOINT POWERS ENTERPRISE TRUST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Rick Ball, David Montgomery, Tom Werner

**Others Present:** Wayne Parson, Sonda Strom Larson, Shannon Sweeney, Carla Schneider, Tom Maida, Audra Flanagan, Joelle Bodin

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Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 9, 2014, Minutes were approved. Werner/Ball

**Treasurer's Report**

- Wayne Parson reviewed the financial statements through December 2014. The Income Statement for Healthcare showed a net increase of \$1,591,511.11 with a reserve of \$6,637,678.77. Dental showed net loss of \$45,976.30 and the reserve at \$160,462.16.
- The new Reissuance Fee started in December.
- High claims were drivers in the last months of 2014. There were 18 high claim individuals in the last four (4) years.
- Specialty drugs will be a driving cost in the future.

**2015 Open Enrollment**

- Shannon Sweeney gave an update on 2015 Open Enrollment. They received 134 forms with 118 actual changes in coverage.
- There are still some issues with moving to an electronic Open Enrollment system that IT is working on. We are hopeful that the process will be electronic in the future.
- It was the smoothest Open Enrollment they have had in a few years. The large packet was reduced in size again this year.

**Wellness Update**

- There are 38 Wellness Coordinator applicants. The City Human Resources Department is currently scoring the applications. Oral exams and interviews will take place the last week of January/first week of February. Hoping to have someone on board late February.
- The Wellness Committee has decided to participate in the HealthPartners "Lose Weight in 8" challenge. The challenge starts in March.
- We have had limited success with the challenges through HealthPartners' website. Sweeney proposed using Daily Endorphin, an online wellness challenge website. It was used with a challenge we did with St Louis County and it was well accepted. The Wellness Committee is asking for JPE support to use Daily Endorphin. The cost is \$12/year/participant. It offers unlimited challenges and a greater variety of challenges. Ball moved to approve the request to fund the use of Daily Endorphin. Second from Werner. Motion carried.
- Werner asked how we are showing the wellness budget. Parson will provide a subset page with the wellness numbers pulled out.
- Last year the JPE approved and sponsored the Northland Community Wellness Day. HealthPartners ultimately paid that expense. We have been approach to participate again this year. It grew from 400 attendees in 2013 to over 1200 attendees last year. It was determined that given the audience this may be more appropriate for the Parks Department to promote parks and facilities to the community. There have requested a \$2000 sponsorship this year. Wellness is requesting funding again this year. It was discussed that this is more a City of Duluth expenditure and not the JPE Trust.

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Ball moved that we do a Resolution of Support for the Northland Community Wellness event.  
Second by Werner. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Ball/Werner

Next meeting: March 25, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the Duluth Airport Authority.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Sonda Strom Larson, Executive Assistant  
City of Duluth