



## BENEFITS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 7, 2012

A meeting of the Benefits Committee was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., in MD-155C.

**A. Call to Order**

John Tortarolo called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Cheryl Ashour, Sheila Atkins, Colleen Bixler, Susan Coleman, Jayne Conway, Kelly Falcone, John Goldsworthy, Aaron Holmes, Lisa Hornsby, Teresa Laughlin, Becky McCluskey, Christine Moore, Ron Perez, Jean Ruff, John Tortarolo, Michelle Tucker

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Lucy Nelson, Tammy Reed (FBC)

**Members Absent:** Sandra Nanninga, Dr. Omar Scheidt

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Dr. Ruben Ingram

**C. Minutes**

Due to a specific, planned presentation, the regular agenda was tabled.

**D. New Business**

1. A special presentation was made by Dr. Ruben Ingram, Management Co-Chair of the California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform (CECHCR). This is a joint labor-management coalition whose purpose is to train, educate and otherwise assist districts and unions with health care management, and has a credible standing in the healthcare industry. Health care issues are not entirely about cost alone, but also about quality, particularly since quality has such a big impact on cost.

CECHCR has developed three training modules, three hours each, which are available to benefit committees such as ours at no cost other than release time for committee members. CECHCR is willing to present our choice of these modules, but recommends that approximately three district committees join together to help contain travel expenses. Two additional modules are available, comprised of a more detailed, higher level of training. If needed, consultants with expertise in specific areas would be available on a contract basis.

Further discussion by the Committee will follow at a subsequent meeting.

**E. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 (A-1)**