## LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT INSURANCE TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONFERENCE CALL FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

A conference call of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust was held on Friday, January 25, 2008, at 10:00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT FOR CONFERENCE CALL: President Jim Martin, Michael Thibodeaux, Mark Graffeo, Ed Kinler, Dot Lundin, Diane Meaux Broussard, Bill Hodge, Lanell Landry, Ann Johnson, Charlie Jagneaux, and Lawrence "Bud" Bergeron. Also present: Debbie Hudnall, Brad Fariello and Cindy Clawson

Brad Fariello reported that the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System (FMOL) had not renewed their contract with Blue Cross which would expire on February 1st. FMOL was demanding a double digit increase in claims payment and Blue Cross was not willing to do so.

Brad informed the Board that Blue Cross was willing to allow a transitional period wherein they would allow the same allowable charge as if in-network during this period. He also informed the Board that it would be their decision if they would then want to allow balance billing to the participants. Brad recommended that the transition period be allowed - allowing the same allowable charge as if in-network during this period and that the members be balanced billed. He also informed the Board that the Hunt Group would help to educate and encourage members to go to facilities within the network.

Brad informed the Board that Blue Cross was continuing to work with FMOL and there was a possibility they could reach an agreement, but the Board needed to take the necessary steps just in case. He also stated that Blue Cross was very aggressively pursuing new contracts with new providers.

After much discussion, Ed Kinler moved that the Board allow the transitional period wherein the participants would be allowed the same allowable charge as if in network and the participants would then be balanced billed. Motion was seconded by Michael Thibodeaux. **Motion carried.** 

Brad said that the Hunt Group would be sending a press release out to each clerk and Blue Cross would be sending a press release out to each participant informing them of same.

The President thanked the Board for their participation in the conference call and thanked Brad for keeping the Board up to date.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Debbie D. Hudnall, Executive Director