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Action Item

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SUMMARY

This report provides the Board and members of the public with updates on agency operations.

REPORT

BUDGET KICK-OFF

PEBP staff attended the Budget Kick-Off and the Budget Kick-Off Directors' meeting on March 6, 2023. The budget kick-off meeting was intended to provide information regarding the more technical aspects of the budget process for the upcoming budget building cycle. The Directors' meeting was intended to provide a more high-level overview of the budget building cycle. This was new to the meetings provided in the past. Upcoming deadlines were provided. The below table provides a listing of some but not all deadlines that may affect PEBP's budget submission.

TASK	DEADLINE
Governor meeting to review and approve concept BDRs	4/1/24-5/31/24
Technology Investment Notifications (TIN)	4/1/2024
Final BDR concept presentations	6/3/24-6/14/24
Governor approved non-budgetary BDRs in NEBS	7/29/24
Non-budgetary BDRs due to LCB	8/1/24
Submittal of Agency Request Budget and budgetary BDRs by 4:00 pm	8/30/24
Agency Budget Hearings (GFO and Governor's Office)	10/1/24
Governor Recommends budget submitted to Legislature	Mid to Late Jan 25
Start of the 2025 Legislative Session	2/3/25
Budgetary BDRs to LCB	2/21/25
Last day of the 2025 Legislative Session	6/2/25

PEBP staff have begun working on the agency request budget and will be providing updates to the Board as appropriate and available. The Governor's Recommended Budget (GovRec) is confidential until released by the Governor's office.

CARSON TAHOE HOSPITAL

Carson Tahoe Hospital (CTH) recently sent a letter to PEBP members indicating that they intend to terminate the contract with UMR. The letter did not specify a contract termination date. UMR continues to work with CTH to address their concerns and resolve the issues. Until such time as CTH terminates their contract with UMR and specifies a date for that termination, PEBP members can continue to access CTH facilities and providers that are currently in-network. Claims associated with those visits will continue to be paid at the in-network rate. However, should the negotiations between the two organizations result in an impasse - that could result in the termination of the contract by CTH leadership and would mean they become an out-of-network provider.

CARRUM HEALTH BENEFITS WRAP DOCUMENT

At the January 26, 2024, meeting the PEBP Board approved the contract with Carrum Health Benefits to provide certain services through their Centers of Excellence network. During that discussion I indicated that a wrap document was being written to encompass the services they will provide and how it relates to the requirements of the Master Plan Documents. The document is provided in 6.1 of this agenda item for the Board's review.

STAFFING

PEBP staffing levels have improved in recent weeks. However, there are still 7 vacancies, which is a rate of approximately 20%. PEBP's vacancies include the Quality Control Officer, 5 in the Member Services Unit, and 1 in the Communications Unit. PEBP continues to work with the Division of Human Resource Management to fill vacant positions.