

NCPERS TASK FORCE ON HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

**AGENDA FOR THE
NOVEMBER 8-9, 2002 MEETING
LOWES L'ENFANT PLAZA HOTEL
480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
WASHINGTON, DC
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Friday, November 8, 2002

- 9:30 am Call to order by the President of NCPERS, Elmer J. Khal
- Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Task Force - Dan Givens
- Introduction of the members of the NCPERS Task Force on Health Care Benefits
- 10:00 am "Statewide Pension Plans and Health Care Coverage for Teachers"
 Cynthia L. Moore, Washington Counsel
 National Council on Teacher Retirement
- "Recent Health Care Cost Trends and Their Drivers"
 Bradley C. Strunk, Health Research Analyst
 Center for Studying Health Care System Change
- ["What Can We Expect from Prescription Drug Benefits in the Next Few Years?"](#)
 Michael R. Jabobs, Principal
 Mercer Human Resource Consulting
- "Retiree Pension Health Care Crisis"
 Kirby Bosley, Practice Leader, Health and Group Consulting
 Mercer Human Resource Consulting
- 12:00 noon Working Lunch for the NCPERS Task Force
- 1:00 pm "The Federal Employee Health Benefit Plans (FEHBP) - How the Federal Government Deals with Health Care Benefits for Its Employees and What is Happening to Those Costs?"
 James Sauber, Research Director, National Association of Letter Carriers
- OPEN DISCUSSION: Defining the problem -- What are the health care benefit problems facing public pension plans, active employees and retirees?

Recap of the issues agreed upon during the discussion

5:00 pm Recess

Saturday, November 9, 2002

8:45 am Breakfast -- Quorum Room

9:30 am "Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and What Its Exposure Draft Will Mean to State and Local Governments and How Could It Affect Health Care Benefits"
Nell Hennessy, President, Aon Fiduciary Counselors, Inc.

"Innovative Approaches in Responding to the Health Care Crisis"
Sheldon L. Freilich, Director of Health Care Consulting
Carrie A. Olger, Health Care and Benefits Consultant
Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

"The A, B, Cs of Health Care Funding Mechanisms"
B. Shana Saichek, Esq.
Carney, Badley and Spellman

12:00 noon Working Lunch for the NCPERS Task Force

1:00 pm OPEN DISCUSSION: Roundtable discussion of ways to address rising health care costs by public pension plans, retirees and active employees:

Legislative Initiatives - federal or state
Pension Plan Actions
Individual Actions
Short-term vs. Long-Term Solutions

5:00 pm Adjournment