

Public Agenda Item #21

Executive Director Agency Update

December 2, 2016

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Legislative Update



- House Pensions Hearing on LECOSRF
- Interim Study on Diabetes Prevention submitted
- 85th Legislative Session
 - Bill pre-filing has begun
 - Weekly meetings begin in January

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Plan Year 2017 Fall Enrollment

Medicare-eligible retirees and their families



ERS mailed
81,675 PBES
packets.



4,962 members
made coverage
changes.



ERS and ACT
received 4,099
phone calls.
• 551 by ERS
• 3,548 by ACT



46 people visited
ERS in person.

Fall Enrollment outreach



About 580 people
attended
19 fairs across
Texas and three
webinars.



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New plan and new administrator



STATE OF TEXAS
VISION

vision insurance administered by
Superior Vision Services, Inc.

3,294

people enrolled during Fall Enrollment, with
120,755 total enrollees for PY17.

HealthSelectSM of Texas
— Prescription Drug Program —

UnitedHealthcare
takes over administration on
January 1, 2017.

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Chapter 615 Benefits

For eligible survivors of certain individuals killed in the line of duty



- What are Chapter 615 benefits?
 - The Texas Legislature enacted Chapter 615 of the Texas Government Code during the 60th legislative session (1967) to provide death benefits for eligible survivors of certain law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and others killed in the line of duty. The program is funded by the State and is administered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS). It is not part of the retirement program.

Chapter 615 Benefits

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- Who can be covered?
 - an individual who is elected, appointed, or employed as a peace officer by the state of Texas or a political subdivision of the state of Texas;
 - an individual who is employed by the state or a political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
 - a parole officer employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
 - an individual who:
 - performs emergency medical services or operates an ambulance;
 - is employed by a political subdivision of the state or is an emergency medical services volunteer; and
 - is qualified as an emergency care attendant or at a higher level of training;

Chapter 615 Benefits

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- Available Chapter 615 benefits:
 - A lump sum payment of \$500,000 from the State of Texas for the eligible surviving spouse, child, or parent.
 - A monthly payment to the eligible surviving minor child(ren) until the surviving child(ren) reaches age 18:
 - \$400 per month, if there is one surviving child
 - \$600 per month, equally split, if there are two surviving children
 - \$800 per month, equally split, if there are three or more surviving children
- Other eligible benefits survivors may be eligible for, but are subject to rules and eligibilities:
 - Spousal monthly payment
 - Funeral expenses
 - Health, Dental, and/or Vision Insurance
 - Educational Benefits

Chapter 615 Benefits

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- Benefits paid:
 - 17 lump sum payments made in FY 16 and over 233 lump sum payments made over the last 10 years.
 - approximately 112 guardians receiving monthly benefits for minor children

- Changes in lump sum amounts over the years:
 - 1967-\$10,000
 - 1975- \$20,000
 - 1993- \$50,000
 - 2000- \$250,000
 - 2015- current \$500,000

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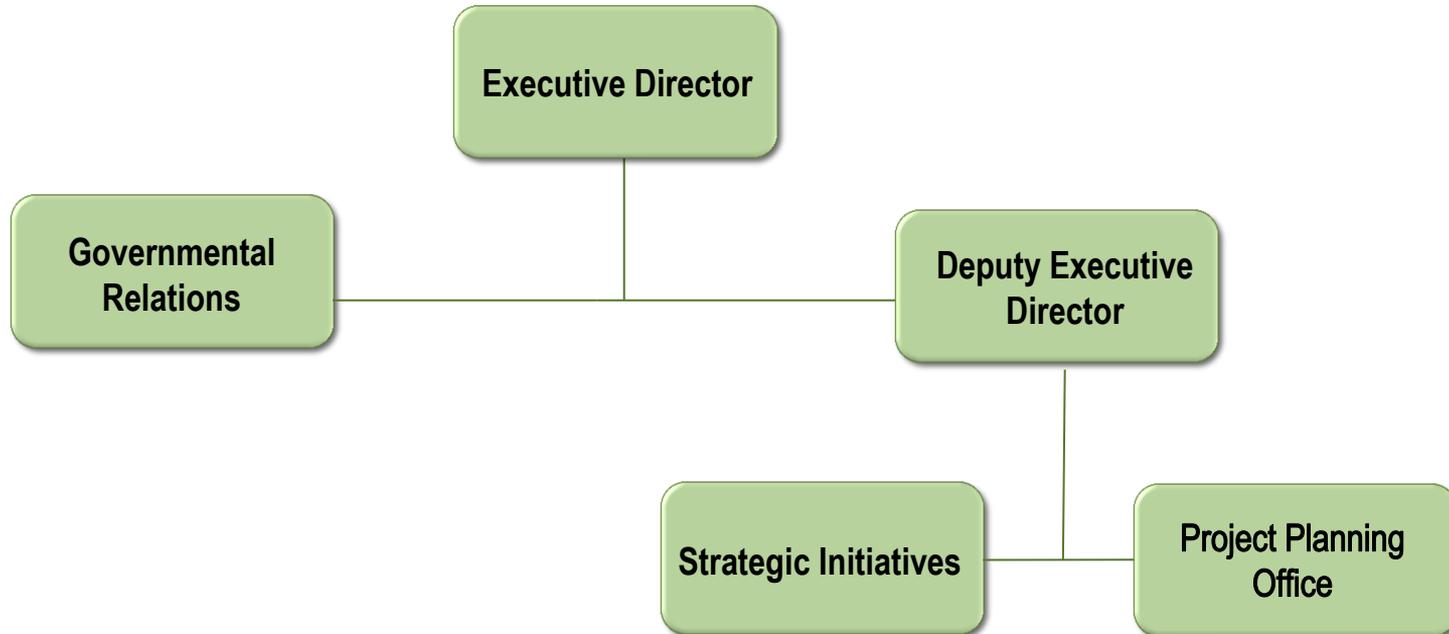
Web Portal for Board Meeting Management



- Procuring a web service to search, share, and manage Board agenda items, exhibits, and meeting minutes
 - Provides an efficient means for sharing news and updates
 - Offers users a paperless option on meeting days
 - Plan to implement by February 2017 meeting



Executive Office Reorganization

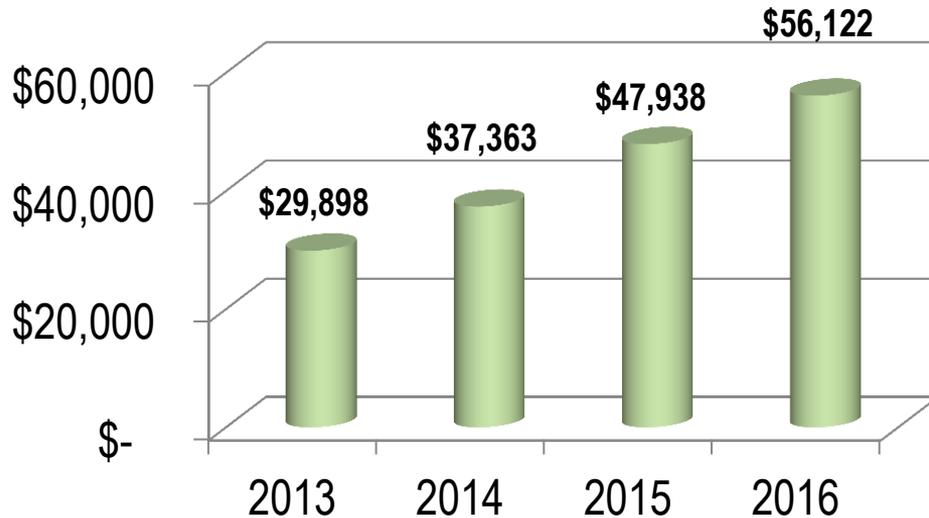


Executive Director's Report

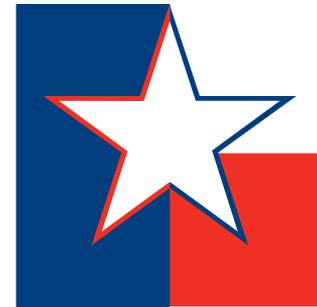
State Employee Charitable Campaign 2016



We are pleased to announce our results EXCEEDED our campaign goals. 90% of ERS employees contributed over \$56,122 to the 2016 campaign.



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Questions?