OPEB The Ohio Story

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OPEB – The Ohio Story Important Ohio Statistics

Assets @ 12-31-07	\$83 billion
Members:	
Active	382,177
Inactive	364,823
Benefit Recipients	161,346
Total Members	908,346
Number of Employer Units	3,707
Contribution rates @ 1-1-08	
Member	10%
Employer	14%

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Health Care Coverage Begins Group Rate - 0% subsidy	1962	
	1974	OPERS pays premium OPERS begins funding health care trust
Kaiser HMO offered	1975	
	1981	OPERS/ORS secure mail pharmacy in Columbus
Eligibility Increase from 5 to 10 years of service	1986	
	1993	PPO model replaces indemnity 2 health plan choices
Preventive services expanded flu vaccines, physicals, etc.	1999	
	2000	Rx co-pay increased OPERS consumerism model starts
Choices Plan begins Eligibility tied to years of service Disease Management introduced	2003	
Board approves Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) Major Plan design and subsidy level changes Board approves target solvency	2004	Incentive formulary introduced deductibles, co-pays and out-of-pockets Prescription drug costs managed
range of 15-25 years		below national average

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Active management of health care program introduced leveraged OTC medications,	2005	Investments contribute \$900 million to health care fund
cost-effective alternatives		Prescription drug costs managed
ORS hospital payor initiative		below national average
Wellness survey		\$33 M in generic savings
OPERS helps create National		\$20 M in additional rebates
Public Sector Health Care Coalition		Ohio Quit Line Partnership OPERS first plan sponsor
	2006	OPERS selected to lead Central Ohio
		Hospital Quality Initiative
		First Prilosec OTC® promotion
		with Ohio pharmacies
		Contribution changes
		Medicare D subsidy
		Comprehensive Wellness
		Program developed
		68 new drugs added to formulary
Health Care Preservation Plan implemented	2007	
Board approved increase in target		
solvency range from 15 - 25 years to 20 - 40 year range		
to zo - 40 year range		
Health Care Preservation Plan "2.0" approved		
OPERS co-leads Rx Purchasing Pool		

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- Comment on Exposure Draft; Testify on Exposure Draft (2003)
- Share preliminary information with Board and employers (2003-2006)
- Board approves HCPP (2004)
- Host multi-system education session (2005)
- Conduct preliminary actuarial analysis of impact (2005)
- Meet with interested employers (2005)
- Mock implementation (2006, using 2005 CAFR data)
- Comment on Medicare D Subsidy technical bulletin (2006)
- Cross-divisional team develops communication message and strategy (2006)
- Educate Board, legislators employers, members (2006-2007)
- Develop alternatives to help manage OPEB (2007)
- Develop alternative funding vehicles (2008)

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- Explain purpose and implication of standard in simple terms
- Educate constituency groups on OPERS' funding status and plan
- Strike balance between concern for action and panic

OPEB – The Ohio Story Elements of Communication Message

- Accounting Standard
- No measure previously; OPERS used solvency as measure
- OPERS has been systematically prefunding the healthcare benefit for years vs. other systems that adopted a pay-as-you-go process. In addition, OPERS has invested healthcare assets into conservative, stable, less volatile investments
- HCPP provides framework for changes to healthcare plan
- Cost of healthcare is difficult to predict
- OPERS' goal is to have adequate funds to allow time to change the plan
- HCPP goal is to always have between 15 and 25 years of solvency
- Cost of education comparison
- Cost of raising a child comparison

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Implementation Results - Year 1	
(\$ in millions)	

	Accrued Actuarial Liability	Valuation Assets	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	Funded Ratio
2006	\$30,748	\$12,025	\$18,723	39%
2005	31,307	11,070	20,237	35%
2004	29,479	10,816	18,663	37%

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Health Care Solvency Period

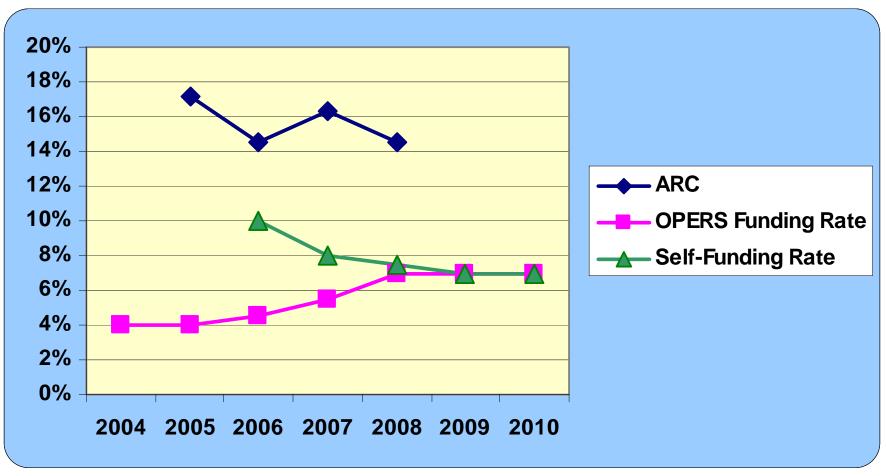
Year	Estimated Years of Solvency
2007	27 years
2006	27 years
2005	18 years
2004	17 years
2003	18 years
2002	14 years
2001	21 years

*Data not available prior to 2001

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	Solvency Period	ARC	Self Funding Rate	Funding Rate
2008		14.57%		7.0%
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2007	27	16.35%	8%	5.0% / 6.0%
2006	27	14.57%	8%	4.5%
2005	18	17.19%	9%	4.0%
2004	17	16.64%	10%	4.0%
2003	18			5.0%
2002	14			5.0%
2001	21			4.3%

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OPEB – The Ohio Story Where Are We Now and What Challenges Do We Face?

- Board increased solvency goal from a rolling 15-25 years to a rolling 20-40 years
- Board adopted additional plan design changes that we expect to increase our solvency period to over 30 years
- Currently evaluating plan design structure due to 401(H) funding limits
- Likely will establish a Section 115 Trust
- Recently identified in the PEW report as one of only six states on track to have fully funded OPEB obligations within the next 30 years and listed as one of the states to watch