Personnel/Payroll Association April 26, 2022 9:00am – 11:00am

### **VEBA Update**



Brian Riehs Gallagher

- Brian Riehs came to give a refresher on what the VEBA program does, how it works, benefits to employees and basic
  instructions on account set up.
- He also addressed a question that agencies have been struggling with. Which is, what are agencies supposed to do with VEBA funds that are returned due to a deceased retiree not having any beneficiaries. \*\*\*\*

## WA-529 Update



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# Jackie Ferrado WA Student Achievement Council

- Jackie Ferrado spent time explaining the Washington 529 College Savings Plans (WA529) The Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program and DreamAhead College Investment Plan.
- Highlighted "<u>WA529 in the Workplace</u>" an outreach initiative to employers to share WA529 information with employees and the opportunities and benefits of payroll direct deposit to help families save for higher education expenses.
- Jackie is available to do "lunch and learns" virtually for agencies to offer to their employees.
- WA529 also provides monthly webinars to learn more about the programs. Visit the virtual learning center the WA529 Knowledge Café for dates/times and registration information.

#### **PEBB Modernization Update**



Chatrina Pitsch & Cade Walker Health Care Authority

- Original launch date: May 9, 2022
- Updated launch date: Spring 2023
- What's needed to determine an exact date?
- Further technical design and development estimates
- Planning for user acceptance and end-to-end testing

• The timeline is contingent on the hiring of the PAY1 Maintenance and Operations

## July 2022 HRMS Updates

# Angie Gil Office of Financial Management

• OFM will send out a Gov Delivery notice giving agencies guidance on when they should expect to receive information from OFM to verify who is entitled to a lump sum payment.