

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
November 16, 2005**

Members participating by Telephone: Gary Cupo (joined call at 10:08 a.m.); Darrel Farkus (United); John Foley (CIGNA); Jack Kalosy (HealthNet); Margaret Koller; Ulysses Lee (Guardian); Vicki Mangiaracina (DOBI); Jim Stenger; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Mary Taylor (Aetna Health); Mike Torrese (Horizon); Dr. Joseph Tricarico (DOHSS); Dutch Vanderhoof (joined call at 10:20 a.m.).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Deputy Executive Director; DAG Karyn Gordon (DOL); Rosaria Lenox, Program Accountant; Wardell Sanders, Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

W. Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. He announced that notice of the meeting had been published in two newspapers and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), the DOBI website, and the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. W. Sanders took roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes

October 19, 2005

V. Mangiaracina offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 Board meeting. M. Koller seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with M. Taylor and J. Tricarico abstaining.

III. Staff Report

Expense Report

J. Foley offered a motion to approve the payment of the expenses specified on the November 2005 expense report. M. Torrese seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

IV. Executive Session

W. Sanders said the Board needed to have an Executive Session to receive advice from counsel.

V. Mangiaracina offered a motion to begin Executive Session for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel. J. Stenger seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

[Executive Session: 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.]

V. Final Business and Close of Meeting

T. Taliaferro offered a motion to retain the existing contract for auditing services with Deloitte & Touche which provides services through 1999 so as to allow the audits for the years covered by the existing contract to commence, and issue a Request for Proposal for auditing services for 2000 through 2005. D. Vanderhoof seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

W. Sanders reminded the Board of the presentation by Ingenix which will be held on Monday, November 21, 2005.

J. Kalosy reported that recently introduced Federal legislation introduced by Senator Enzi (S. 1955) may be of interest to the Board.

J. Stenger offered a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. D. Vanderhoof seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.]