

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
November 21, 2005**

Members participating: Wilson Beebe; Gary Cupo; Darrel Farkus (United); John Foley (CIGNA); Margaret Koller; Ulysses Lee (Guardian); Jim Stenger; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Mary Taylor (Aetna Health); Dr. Joseph Tricarico (DOHSS); Dutch Vanderhoof; Elizabeth Ward.

IHC Board members present: Darrel Farkus (United); Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Ulysses Lee (Guardian); Mary Taylor (Aetna Health).

Others present: Ellen DeRosa, Deputy Executive Director; (DOL); Rosaria Lenox, Program Accountant; Wardell Sanders, Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

W. Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He announced that notice of the meeting, which was intended to be a joint meeting of the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board and the Individual Health Coverage Program Board, 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. As a quorum of IHC Board members were not present, the meeting proceeded as an Open Public Meeting of the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board.

W. Sanders said the purpose of the meeting was to gather information on the Prevailing Health Care Charges (PHCS) data which carriers operating in the IHC and SEH markets use to process claims for which a negotiated fee is not applicable. He introduced Susan Seare of Ingenix, who accepted the Board’s invitation to provide an informational presentation on the PHCS data. He said Board members should feel free to ask questions regarding the presentation. Non-Board members would be welcome to listen to the presentation, but would not be afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

II. SEH Board Business

W. Sanders said that during the last SEH Board meeting the Board voted to issue a Request for Proposal for audit services. He reported that after that meeting V. Mangiaracina identified some information that was lacking in the draft proposal and included the information.

G. Cupo offered a motion to issue the Request for Proposal for audit services, as revised. J. Stenger seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

III. Presentation

Susan Seare of Ingenix gave a presentation on the pricing information available from Ingenix, with particular emphasis on the PHCS data.

IV. Close of Meeting

D. Vanderhoof offered a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. T. Taliaferro seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

[The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.]