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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
January 18, 2006

Members participating by Telephone: Wilson Beebe; Thomas Collins; Gary Cupo; Darrel Farkus (United); John Foley (CIGNA); Jack Kalosy (HealthNet); Margaret Koller; Ulysses Lee (Guardian) (joined the call at 10:12 a.m.); Christine Stearns; Jim Stenger; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Mary Taylor (Aetna Health Inc.); Mike Torrese (Horizon); Dr. Joseph Tricarico (DOHSS); Dutch Vanderhoof.

Members participating from Trenton: Gale Simon (DOBI).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Deputy Executive Director; 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.

Since members were participating by telephone, W. Sanders asked that everyone identify themselves when speaking.

II. Public Comments

No persons requested the opportunity to address the Board.

III. Minutes

November 16, 2005

M. Taylor offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the November 16, 2005 Board meeting. T. Collins seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with C. Stearns and W. Beebe abstaining.

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J. Stenger offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the November 16, 2005 Board meeting, as amended. M. Koller seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with C. Stearns and W. Beebe abstaining.

November 21, 2005

M. Koller offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the November 21, 2005 Board meeting. T. Collins seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with C. Stearns and J. Kalosy abstaining.

III. Staff Report

Expense Report

M. Taylor offered a motion to approve the payment of the expenses specified on the January 2006 expense report. D. Vanderhoof seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rider Filing

E. DeRosa summarized the amendment made by the optional benefit rider submitted by Nippon Life Insurance Company. She said the filing included all of the elements required for an optional benefit rider filing.

D. Vanderhoof offered a motion to find the Nippon filing complete. M. Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Legislative Update

W. Sanders identified two recently signed laws that will likely required rulemaking:

- P.L. 2005, c. 248 that addresses high deductible health plans for use with health savings accounts; and
- P.L. 2005, c. 375 that requires plans providing dependent coverage to allow for an election of coverage by a dependent child up to age 30.

W. Sanders identified two other laws that may impact the Board or Program:

- P.L. 2005, c. 382 makes changes to ethics laws; and
- S. 2824/ A. 3496 addresses health claims authorization, processing and payment.

W. Sanders noted that A. 3359 which would have reformed the individual and small employer markets did not pass in both houses.

Offers of Resignation

W. Sanders said he and E. DeRosa were required to submit letters offering to resign. He said the offers were effective immediately upon submission of the letters on January 18, 2006. He explained the offers to resign were part of the transition of certain policymaking and/or confidential unclassified positions. He said he and E. DeRosa were

advised that they may be contacted regarding an opportunity to be interviewed for employment in the new administration.

IV. Close of Meeting

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

[The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.]