

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION 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
May 21, 2014

Members participating: Herbert Ames (arrived at 10:08); Charles Cerniglia (Oxford); Gary Cupo; Pat Gillespie (Cigna); Margaret Koller; Mary Ellen Peppard; Arpita Bathani (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna Health Inc.); Gale Simon (DOBI); Christine Stearns; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Dutch Vanderhoof.

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; DAG Eleanor Heck; Rosaria Lenox, Program Accountant.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. E. DeRosa announced that notice of the meeting was provided to three newspapers and the State House Press Corps, 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. Since many Board members were participating by conference call, she took roll call, and announced that all votes would be by roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Minutes – April 16, 2014

P. Gillespie made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2014, with an amendment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Staff Report

Expense Report

R. Lenox presented the expense report for May, with expenses totaling \$16.76, for charges for office supplies.

P. Gillespie made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to approve the payment of the expenses on the May expense report. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Optional Benefit Rider Filing

[T. Taliaferro recused himself from discussion and any potential action to be taken on the filing submitted by AmeriHealth because of the interest of his employer in the outcome of any such discussion and action.]

E. DeRosa explained that AmeriHealth submitted an optional benefit rider that would amend EPO and POS plans to add a vision benefit for covered persons age 19 and older. She recommended that the filing be found complete.

G. Cupo made a motion, seconded by P. Gillespie, to find the filing complete. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Status Update – Out of Network and Enrollment Reports

E. DeRosa reported that carriers indicated they would be able to provide out of network claims data that distinguishes the types of providers. She also reported the carriers would be able report enrollment data capturing new information for the 2014 report format and that the carriers expected to be able to report 1Q14 data by the end of June. Subsequent quarterly enrollment reports would be filed 60 days following the close of each quarter.

V. Finance & Audit Committee (FAC) Report

E. DeRosa explained that the committee reviewed a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services. It is intended that the RFP would be issued jointly with the IHC Board. The Committee is not yet ready to make a recommendation.

E. DeRosa said the Boards will need to form an evaluation committee.

E. DeRosa asked if any Board member had questions regarding the financials, noting that R. Lenox could address them. No Board members raised any questions.

VI. Election

E. DeRosa reported that five Board seats would be decided by the election. The ballots were tallied and E. DeRosa reported the following results:

Health Service Corporation: Horizon

Two HMO Carriers: Aetna and Cigna

Two representatives of small employers: Mary Ellen Peppard; Christine Sterns

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VIII. Close of Meeting

G. Simon made a motion, seconded by D. Vanderhoof, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.]