

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)
December 20, 2023**

Members Present:

Herbert K. Ames
Robert Axelrod (Oscar Garden State)
Allison Birzon
Gary Cupo
Phil Gennace (DOBI)
Margaret Koller
Jason Premus (Horizon)
Bob Morrow (United)
Thomas Pownall (Aetna Health)
Adam Young (Amerihealth)

Others:

Jeffrey Posta, Deputy Attorney General

I. Call to Order

M. Koller called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

II. Public Comments

No public comment were offered.

III. Review of Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2023

G. Cupo made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023 without amendments. This motion was seconded by H. Ames. H. Ames, R. Axelrod , G. Cupo, P. Gennace, M. Koller, J. Premus, B. Morrow, T. Pownall, and A. Young voted yes. A. Birzon abstained. The motion was carried.

IV. Policy Forms Discussion

P. Gennace clarified that the comment period ended December 19, 2023 at midnight and that no additional comments had been received since last comment circulated to the members, which was in support of the updated definition of “practioner”. P. Gennace noted that the only changes made in the current draft are minor technical changes that ensure the exhibits are aligned with what has been approved by SEH. P. Gennace proposed an effective date of January 1, 2024. G. Cupo made a motion to accept the amended policy forms with an effective date of January 1, 2024 and operative date of April 1, 2024 and file the notice with the OAL. The motion was seconded by P. Gennace. H. Ames, A. Birzon, R. Axelrod , G. Cupo, P. Gennace , M. Koller, J. Premus, B. Morrow, T. Pownall, and A. Young voted yes. The motion was carried.

V. Schedule for 2024

M. Koller noted that the meetings for 2024 would remain on the third Wednesday of the month at 10AM.

VI. Public Comments

No members of the public offered comments.

VII. Close of Meeting

G. Cupo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Pownall seconded the motion. All voting members present voted yes. The motion was carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.]

Public known to be in attendance:

Susan Fitzgerald (Savoy Associates)

Kristen Jarosz (Horizon)

Kelly Ferreira (Horizon)