

NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM  
MAY 19, 1993  
PUBLIC MEETING  
ROOM 219-20, ROEBLING BUILDING  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

*As Amended*

A joint meeting of the New Jersey Small Employers Health Insurance Program Board and the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program Board was held on Wednesday, May 19, 1993 in Room 219-20 of the Mary G. Roebling Building, 20 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Small Employers Health Insurance Program Board: Maureen Lopes, Ann Bossi, David Swords, John Bellingham, James Eick, Victoria Wicks, Emily Crandall, Leon Moskowitz, Gerry Goodrich and Kenneth Robinson, constituting a quorum of the Board. Co-Chairpersons of the meeting were Charles Wowkanech, Acting Chairperson of the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program Board, and Maureen E. Lopes, Chairperson of the New Jersey Small Employers Health Insurance Program Board.

The meeting was called pursuant a public notice of the meeting duly published and posted. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Mr. Wowkanech. Mr. Wowkanech addressed the meeting and discussed the mission of each Board. He stated that there have been 11 to 12 weeks of meetings thus far. He also emphasized that the benefit plans under discussion are drafts only and that the purpose of the public meeting is for the two Boards to listen to public comments on the plans. The members of both Boards were introduced and the rules of public testimony were then reviewed.

Public testimony was then received from consumers and representatives of small businesses, health care providers, insurance companies, and the insurance brokerage community. After a brief mid-morning break, further public testimony was received. The meeting was recessed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch after which, more testimony from public speakers was heard. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by court stenographers and a transcription of the proceedings will be kept with these minutes of the meeting.

At the close of the meeting, Ms. Lopes stated that the next meetings of the Individual Board will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week and that joint meetings with the Small Employers Board will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

All public testimony having been received, the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Recorder of Minutes: Kenneth L. Robinson, Jr.  
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