

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
October 1, 2013

Directors present in person: Neil Sullivan (DOBI)

Directors participating by phone: Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Lisa Levine (Oxford); Christine Stearns; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Mary Taylor (Aetna)

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Program Accountant; Eleanor Heck, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. She announced that notice of the meeting had been published in two newspapers of general circulation and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), the DOBI website, the Office of the Secretary of State and submitted to the State House Press Corp, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. A quorum was present. She stated that votes would be by roll call because two Board members were participating by phone.

II. Consideration of Adoption of Proposed Rules

E. DeRosa stated that this meeting had been called expressly for the purpose of considering the adoption of the amendments and new rules proposed by the IHC Board on September 10, 2013, with the intent that the Board may take action.

E. DeRosa explained that, because the proposed amendments and new rules had been proposed using the Board’s expedited rulemaking process, the comment period for the proposal had closed at the end of the day on September 30, 2013. She stated that a public meeting had been held on September 24, but no public comments were received at that time. She said that written comments were received from one commenter, the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA), prior to the end of the comment period, and indicated that the comments were summarized in the notice of adoption, with responses included. She explained that she made some changes to the proposal upon adoption based on two of the NJHA’s ten comments, neither change being of such a nature as to destroy the original notice of proposed rulemaking.

N. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by C. Stearns, to adopt the amendments and new rules as proposed with the changes upon adoption indicated. By roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is set for October 8, 2013, at its regular time of 10:00 A.M.

III. Close of Meeting

N. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by S. Kelly, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.]