

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)
February 14, 2023**

Directors participating: Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Robert Morrow (Oxford); Colleen Picklo; Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Adam Young (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Eleanor Heck, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting of the IHC Board to order at 10:00 A.M. She announced that notice of the meeting had been posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, at the Office of the Secretary of State, submitted to the State House Press Corps, and published in three newspapers of general circulation in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

E. DeRosa noted that, pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 2, as a result of the public health state of emergency declared by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order 103, subsequently extended,¹ due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IHC Board’s regularly scheduled meeting was being held telephonically, and not at the Board’s offices in Trenton. She stated that, in accordance with P.L. 2020 c. 11, electronic notice of the change in the meeting and the means by which the public could attend the meeting telephonically was posted on the Board’s website and issued electronically to all known interested parties.

E. DeRosa determined a quorum was present. She stated that voting would be by roll call.

Members of the public were asked to identify themselves; public attendees, if any, are identified at the end of these minutes.

II. Minutes – January 10, 2023

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by Colleen Picklo to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2023, without amendments. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

III. Executive Director Report

Expense Report

E. DeRosa commented on the challenges she encountered when trying to prepare the Expense Report. She reminded the Board that funds for shared expenses such as salary are paid to the Department from the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board (SEH Board) funds held at the Department. Each month, the IHC Board reimburses the SEH Board for half of the expenses. Following the directions provided by Rosaria Lenox prior to her retirement, E. DeRosa reported that she requested various screens from the fiscal unit at the Department and determined that salary charges unrelated to the IHC Board or the SEH Board had been taken from the SEH funds for three

¹ Executive Order 103 (Murphy) has been continuously extended multiple times since originally issued, the most recent extension occurring on February 17, 2021, pursuant to Executive Order 222 (Murphy).

pay periods. E. DeRosa said she is working with the Department's Chief Financial Officer to correct the error. The payment to the SEH Board on the Expense Report includes correct January expenses for the final paychecks issued to the now retired staff as well as E. DeRosa.

E. DeRosa presented expenses of \$8,640.44 for January salaries and \$3,234.30 for FY22 audit costs, with total expenses being \$11,874.74. She noted she expects one more invoice for the audit work. She asked that the Board authorize the transfer of \$8,640.44 from the IHC funds held at the Department to the SEH funds held at the Department for the salary expense. She also asked that the Board authorize the transfer of \$3,234.30 from the Board's money market account at Wells Fargo to the checking account at Wells Fargo to pay the audit expense.

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by R. Morrow, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$11,874.74 and to authorize the transfer of \$8,640.44 from the IHC funds held at the Department to the SEH Funds held at the Department as well as the transfer of \$3,234.30 from the Well Fargo money market account to the checking account. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

New Legislation

E. DeRosa noted that Assembly Bill No. 3523 was signed February 2, 2023 and will be effective June 1, 2023. This law revises the standards for colorectal cancer screening to use United States Preventive Services Task Force standards and requires no cost sharing whether the screening results are positive or negative.

E. DeRosa said that for most IHC plans that are effective January 1 or February 1, the law would not be effective until January 2024, but if a person has a special enrollment period with an effective date on or after June 1, 2023, the law would apply as of that effective date.

The Board discussed the possibility that the next amendments to the standard plans will need to include revised text to comply with the new law.

Staffing

In response to a question regarding hiring a person for the open fiscal position E. DeRosa reported there has been no action to extend an offer to the candidate identified in early December.

IV. Close of Meeting

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by T. Pownall, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

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

Identified Public Attendees:

- Robert Axelrod, Oscar Garden State Health Ins. Corp.²

² Oscar is a member of the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board of Directors, as are several of the Directors on the IHC Board; however, there was not a quorum of the SEH Board present, and all discussions and actions at the meeting concerned the specific public business of the IHC Board.