

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
March 10, 2015

Directors participating: Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Gale Simon (DOBI); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

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 of the IHC Board to order at 10:00 A.M. E. DeRosa 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 Corps, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. A quorum was present. She stated that voting would be by roll call because many of the directors were participating by phone.

II. Minutes – February 10, 2015

T. Taliaferro made a motion, seconded by T. Pownall, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting. In voting by roll call, the motion carried.

III. Staff Report – Expense Report

R. Lenox stated the Board’s expenses total \$12,589.90 on the March 2015 expense report, primarily for IHC Board’s half of staff salaries and fringe, but also for FY2015Q2 actual expenses from the Division of Law, and to reimburse R. Lenox for her annual CPA license fee. She noted that the Board would need to transfer \$12,600 from its Money Market fund to its Checking account to pay its March operating expenses, if approved.

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by S. Kelly, to approve the March expense report, and the transfer of \$12,600 from the Board’s Wells Fargo Money Market Account to the Board’s Wells Fargo Checking account to pay the approved operating expenses. In voting by roll call, the motion carried.

Nominations Notice for June Board Elections

C. McDevitt reminded Board members that the term for the seat of a carrier authorized pursuant to Title 17 to transact a health business in New Jersey, currently held by AmeriHealth Insurance Company, would be ending in June, and stated that notices requesting nominations for the seat would be sent out shortly. She noted that the notice would also be posted on the DOBI website, so that it could be downloaded by any interested party. C. McDevitt stated that nominations are being requested by April 13.

Proposed Amendment to the Policy Forms

E. DeRosa discussed the proposed amendment to the policy forms that would permit carriers to offer plans excluding coverage of certain health care services for which federal funding is prohibited, as specified in section 1303 of the Affordable Care Act. She explained that the optional exclusion can be used by all carriers, but is a necessary component for the multi-state plan that will eventually be offered in New Jersey.

Changes to policy forms require an affirmative vote of five Board members, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:20-2.5(d)2. Lisa Levine, representing Oxford, had indicated an intention to participate in the meeting by phone; however, multiple attempts during the meeting to connect her to the conference call were unsuccessful. Consequently, the Board was unable to take action on the proposal.

VI. Close of Meeting

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by G. Simon, to adjourn the meeting. In voting by roll call, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.]