

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
May 12, 2015

Directors participating: Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Lisa Levine (United/Oxford); Avnee Parekh (DOBI); Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

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

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting of the IHC Board to order at 10:03 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”), on the DOBI website, at 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.

E. DeRosa noted that Brendan Peppard is the new Assistant Commissioner for the Life & Health office, and may attend some meetings in the future. In addition, E. Heck introduced Ryan Schaffer as her alternate, stating that he will be primarily responsible for Board assignments over the course of the summer.

II. Minutes – April 14, 2015

T. Taliaferro made a motion, seconded by T. Pownall, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting. In voting by roll call, the motion carried.

III. Staff Report

Expense Report

R. Lenox stated the Board’s expenses total \$9,513.92 on the May 2015 expense report, all related to the IHC Board’s half of staff salaries and fringe. She stated that the Board would need to transfer \$9,600 from its Money Market fund to its Checking account to pay its May operating expenses, if approved.

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by L. Levine, to approve the May expense report, and the transfer of \$9,600 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.

Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Policy Forms

E. DeRosa stated that a hearing was held on April 29, 2015 at the DOBI, in the 11th floor conference room, regarding the changes proposed to the IHC policy forms to permit carriers to offer plans excluding coverage of certain health care services for which federal funding is prohibited in accordance with section 1303 of the Affordable Care Act, but that there were no attendees or testimony, and the hearing officer made no recommendations. She reported that one written comment was received from the New Jersey Hospital Association supporting the Board's efforts to ensure consistency between federal and state requirements. E. DeRosa stated that the changes as proposed could be adopted. She explained that the adoption would be effective upon its filing, in accordance with the Board's special rulemaking procedures, which the Board had followed with respect to this particular proposal.

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by L. Levine, to adopt the amendments to the policy forms. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Close of Meeting

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

[The meeting adjourned at 10:11 A.M.]