

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)
July 14, 2020

Directors participating: Joseph Camargo; Philip Gennace (DOBI); Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Robert Morrow (United); Colleen Picklo; Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Managing Financial Officer; 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 emergency declared by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order 103 (subsequently extended by Executive Orders 119, 138, 151, and 162, the last being issued July 2, 2020) 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. Presence of the public was not indicated.

II. Minutes – June 9, 2020

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by T. Taliaferro, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2020, without amendment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

III. Report of Staff – Expense Report; Budget and Assessments; Rule Proposal Update

Expense Report

R. Lenox presented the expense report for July 2020, with expenses totaling \$6,907.06, related to salaries and fringe, and an order of check stock for both the IHC Board, and the Small Employer Health Benefits (SEH) Program Board. R. Lenox explained that the IHC Board would pay the total cost of the checks (at \$551.46), and the SEH Board would reimburse the IHC Board for its share of the cost (\$233.82). She recommended the Board approve a transfer of funds from the IHC’s DOBI account to the SEH’s DOBI account for purposes of reimbursing the SEH Board for

the IHC Board's share of the current month's salaries and fringe (totaling \$6,355.56), explaining that the internal transfer would be performed by the DOBI fiscal office.

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by J. Camargo, to approve the payment of the expenses on the July expense report, including the transfer by the DOBI of \$6,355.56 from the DOBI's IHC Board account to the DOBI's SEH Board account for the payment of the IHC Board's July operating expenses.

Budget & Administrative Assessment (Reports of the Operations & Audit Committee and Technical Advisory Committee)

R. Lenox reported that the Operations & Audit Committee (OAC), and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) separately met to review, discuss, and make recommendations regarding a proposed budget for fiscal year 2021, and the assessment to fund the budget. She presented the budget recommended by the OAC and TAC for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, totaling \$305,030.

R. Lenox presented the proposed assessment spreadsheet to fund the budget, as recommended by the OAC and TAC. She explained that the pro rata market share assessment allocation is based on the Exhibits K submitted for calendar year 2019, and she reminded the Board that it had agreed upon a \$5 de minimis amount for assessments. R. Lenox noted that, with re-allocation of the total de minimis amounts among the carriers already assessed in excess of a de minimis amount, a total of 21 carriers are proposed to be assessed, ranging from a low of just over \$5 to almost \$170,000.

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by C. Picklo, to approve the recommended budget, to approve the recommended assessment, and authorizing staff to invoice and collect funds from carriers accordingly. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Proposed Amendments to the Standard Plans

E. DeRosa reported that the draft rule proposal the Board reviewed and voted to propose during the June meeting had been reviewed by DAG E. Heck, and is with the DOBI, awaiting further review in the usual administrative process (e.g., Governor's Office, Smart Growth Council, etc.).

IV. Other Business – Financial Disclosure Statements; Renewal Notices

Financial Disclosure Statements

E. DeRosa reminded Board members that the deadline for filing the financial disclosure statement this year was extended to July 31, 2020. She stated that she believed that DOBI's Ethics Officer had sent out notices to everyone.

S. Kelly pointed out that ethics training must be refreshed every 3 years, and that the last time the Board had in-person training was in 2017, so most Board members will need to go through the online training – which includes a confirmation – before finally submitting the financial disclosure statement. She noted the training is easy, relatively quick, but is another step in the process.

Renewal Notice – Get Covered NJ

T. Taliaferro stated that AmeriHealth received information from Get Covered NJ but the role of this entity was unclear.

P. Gennace explained that Get Covered NJ is the name for the State-Based Exchange (SBE), which is being implemented and administered by the DOBI. He noted that the SBE currently operates with some vendors under contract for some functions, but oversight of the vendors, and certain activities are administered directly through the DOBI. He said that carriers should follow the guidance/instructions distributed.

S. Kelly asked whether documents that mention the federal Exchange/Healthcare.gov should be revised to reference Get Covered NJ instead. P. Gennace stated that he anticipated additional discussion about a broad range of topics will occur soon.

V. Close of Meeting

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

[The meeting ended at 10:17 A.M.]