

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)
December 8, 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 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 – November 10, 2020

C. Picklo made a motion, seconded by J. Camargo, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2020, without amendment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

III. Report of Staff – Expense Report; 3Q Enrollment Report; Rule Proposal

Expense Report

R. Lenox presented the expense report for December 2020, totaling \$26,156.31. She explained that the IHC Board owed its share of staff salaries, totaling \$11,900.99, to the Small Employer Health Benefits (SEH) Program, had received an invoice from WithumSmith+Brown regarding

¹ Executive Order 103 (Murphy) has been continuously extended multiple times since originally issued, the most recent extension occurring on November 21, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 200 (Murphy).

Fiscal year 2020 audit costs totaling \$14,013.20, and an invoice from the Courier Post for notice of the Board's 2021 meeting schedule. She noted that invoices had not yet been received from the other two newspapers in which the meeting notice had been published, and asked the board to approve up to \$200 for payment of these invoices which she expected would arrive well-before the next meeting in January. R. Lenox stated that the Board can approve an internal transfer by the DOBI fiscal office of the specific amount due from the IHC Board's DOBI account to the SEH Board's DOBI account, but will need to approve transfer funds from the Board's Wells Fargo Money Market Account to its Checking Account to pay the remaining expenses totaling \$14,255.32.

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by T. Taliaferro, authorizing the internal transfer of \$11,900.99 from the IHC Program's DOBI account to the SEH Program's DOBI account to pay the IHC Board's share of staff salaries as presented on the December expense report, and authorizing the transfer of \$14,255.32 from the IHC Board's Wells Fargo Money Market Account to the Board's Wells Fargo Checking Account for purposes of paying the remaining operational expenses. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Enrollment Report

E. DeRosa explained that the 3Q2020 Enrollment information is not yet available on the Board's website, but is available and worth discussing briefly. She stated that enrollment decreased by about 6,700 between 2Q and 3Q, which was to be expected, but that the decrease was disproportionately among Marketplace enrollment, relative to enrollment that was purchased without advanced premium tax credits or other subsidy. She noted that this decrease is a break from prior years, but may be reflective of the influence of various events in 2020. She also noted that enrollment in Medicaid and NJFamilyCare has continued to climb, but it is not possible to discern whether people are dropping out of the Marketplace because they are becoming eligible for NJFamilyCare.

Rule Proposal/Bulletin

In response to questions, E. DeRosa reported that she had no new information regarding the rules proposal for the 2021 plans.

IV. Close of Meeting

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

[The meeting ended at 10:15 A.M.]

Identified Public Attendees:

No members of the public identified themselves as participating in the meeting.