

**FINAL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
January 17, 2007**

**Members participating by telephone:** Gary Cupo; Darrel Farkus (United); John Foley (CIGNA); Raj Gupta; Jack Kalosy (HealthNet); Margaret Koller; Ulysses Lee (Guardian); Christine Stearns; James Stenger; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Mike Torrese (Horizon); Joseph Tricarico (DHSS); Dutch Vanderhoof.

**Members participating in Trenton:** Thomas Collins; Gale Simon (DOBI)

**Others participating:** Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, CPA, Program Accountant; DAG Vicki Mangiaracina (DOL); Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director.

**I. Call to Order**

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She announced that notice of the meeting had been published in two newspapers and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), the DOBI website, and the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. E. DeRosa took roll call. A quorum was present.

**II. Public Comments**

E. DeRosa invited public comments. None were offered.

**III. Minutes**

*December 13, 2006*

**J. Stenger offered a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the December 13, 2006 Board meeting. J. Kalosy seconded the motion. By roll call, the Board voted in favor of the motion, with J. Tricarico abstaining.**

**IV. Staff Report**

*Expense Report*

R. Lenox presented the expense report for January, 2007, totaling 277.23.

**J. Stenger offered a motion to approve the payment of the expenses specified on the December 2006 expense report. M. Torrese seconded the motion. By roll call, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**V. Report of the Legal Committee**

E. DeRosa reported that the Legal Committee considered the State Ethics Commission's opinion that company representatives must file financial disclosures in their personal capacity. The Legal Committee believed the State Ethic's Commission's interpretation of the ethics disclosure laws is limited in scope to the application of the specific law, and need not be construed to have any broader application. The Legal Committee recommended taking no further action on the matter.

**D. Vanderhoof offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Legal Committee, which G. Simon seconded. By roll call, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **IX. Close of Meeting**

**T. Collins offered a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. D. Vanderhoof seconded the motion. By roll call, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

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