

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION 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
February 15, 2017

Members participating: Herbert Ames; Mary Beaumont; Gary Cupo; Margaret Koller; Lauren Lalicon; Nicholas Peterson (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna Inc.); Brendan Peppard (DOBI); Jacob Pravkewitz (United/Oxford); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Susan Tully-Abdo (Cigna) Dutch Vanderhoof.

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Managing Financial Officer; Jeffrey Posta, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. She announced that notice of the meeting was provided to three newspapers of general circulation and the State House Press Corps, and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, and at the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Following a roll call, she determined there was a quorum present, and stated that all votes would be by roll call because some of the Board members were participating by phone.

II. Introductions

E. DeRosa introduced Susan Tully-Abdo as a representative for Cigna, replacing Jeffrey Tindall, and also Jake Pravkewitz, who was sitting in for L. Levine, representing United/Oxford.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments

IV. Minutes – January 18, 2017

M. Koller made a motion, seconded by D. Vanderhoof, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2017 open session minutes. By roll call vote, the motion carried, with S. Tully-Abdo abstaining.

V. Staff Report

Expense Report

R. Lenox presented the expense report for February, totaling \$6307.75, attributable to costs for legal notices, and the FY2016 audit being performed by WithumSmith+Brown. R. Lenox noted that a transfer of \$6,500 would be necessary to pay the expenses if approved.

D. Vanderhoof made a motion, seconded by M. Beaumont, to approve payment of the February expense report, and transfer of funds from the Board's Money Market account to its checking account to pay the approved expenses. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

VI. Executive Session

B. Peppard made a motion, seconded by D. Vanderhoof, to move the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board an update on litigation and obtaining legal advice from its counsel as well as review of Executive Session minutes, with the intent of returning to Open Session without taking further action. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

The Board was in Executive Session from 10:09 A.M. until 10:18 A.M.

VII. Staff Report – Buyer's Guide

E. DeRosa stated that the SEH Buyer's Guide had been updated to provide clarifications about out-of-network benefits in the small employer health benefits plans and addressing the different protections under law in the non-voluntary use of out-of-network services, for instance, in emergency situations, and services provided at in-network facilities by out-of-network practitioners.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IX. Close of Meeting

B. Peppard made a motion, seconded by H. Ames, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.]