

**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
February 24, 2006**

Directors participating by teleconference: Sandi Kelly (Horizon BCBSNJ); Darrel Farkus (Oxford); Christine Stearns; Mary Taylor (Aetna Health Inc.); Lisa Yourman.

Directors participating from 10th floor conference room: Steve Lenox; Gale Simon (DOBI).

Others present: Ellen DeRosa, Deputy Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. She took roll call. A quorum was present.

She asked Board members to please identify themselves when speaking since the meeting was being held via teleconference.

II. Rule Adoption

E. DeRosa stated that the comment period for the Board’s proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 11:20-1 and Appendix Exhibits A, B and F and proposed new rule creating N.J.A.C. 11:20-3.4 and Appendix Exhibit G expired February 14, 2006. No persons offered comments during the public hearing that was held on February 14, 2006 and she reported that she, as hearing officer, made no recommendations. One carrier submitted written comments. E. DeRosa explained that the comments the carrier provided were outside the scope of the proposal and therefore it was not necessary to respond to them.

L. Yourman offered a motion to adopt the amendments to N.J.A.C. 11:20-1 and Appendix Exhibits A, B and F and the new rule creating N.J.A.C. 11:20-3.4 and Appendix Exhibit G. C. Stearns seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

E. DeRosa said she would file the notice of adoption with the Office of Administrative Law that same day. The adoption would be effective on the date of filing, February 24, 2006, with an Operative Date of July 1, 2006.

III. Close of Meeting

M. Taylor offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Simon seconded the motion. By roll call vote the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. [The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.]