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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 18, 2015

Members participating: Herbert Ames; Charles Cerniglia (Oxford); Gary Cupo; Margaret Koller; Mary Ellen Peppard; Nicholas Peterson (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna Health Inc.); Gale Simon (DOBI); Christine Stearns; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Dutch Vanderhoof.

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, 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 was provided to two newspapers and the State House Press Corps, 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. Following a roll call, she determined there was a quorum present, and stated that all votes would be by roll call because many of the Board members were participating by phone.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Minutes – *January* 21, 2015

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Staff Report

Expense Report

E. DeRosa presented the February expenses, totaling \$99.50, as reimbursement to Rosaria Lenox for CPE course requirements. E. DeRosa noted that no transfer of funds would be needed.

D. Vanderhoof made a motion, seconded by H. Ames, to approve the February expense report. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

E. DeRosa announced that C. Stearns is resigning her seat on the Board. C. Stearns stated that she is leaving The NJ Business and Industry Association, and in her new employment, will no longer be representing the interests of small employers. E. DeRosa thanked Christine for her many years of service on the Board and wished her well in her new position. E. DeRosa explained that the position is subject to election by the members of the SEH Board, so requests

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for nominations will be sent to the carriers, along with other seats for which the terms will be ending within a few months.

V. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. Close of Meeting

D. Vanderhoof made a motion, seconded by G. Simon, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

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