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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

July 19, 2017

Members participating: Herbert Ames; Mary Beaumont; Gary Cupo; Ulysses Lee (Oxford); Brendan Peppard (DOBI); Nicholas Peterson (Horizon); Tom Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Susan Tully Abdo (Cigna).

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

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Minutes of the June 21, 2017 Meeting

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by M. Beaumont, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Staff Report – Expense Report

R. Lenox presented the expense report for July 2017, totaling \$2,400, attributable to 4th quarter expenses of the Division of Law. R. Lenox stated that the Board would need to transfer \$2,400 from the Board's Money Market account to pay the operating expenses, if approved.

H. Ames made a motion, seconded by B. Peppard, to approve payment of the July expense report, and to transfer \$2,400 from the Board's Money Market account to its checking account in order to make the payment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

V. Executive Session

B. Peppard made a motion, seconded by M. Beaumont, to move the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from counsel, with the expectation of

returning to an Open Session without taking any further action. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The Board met in Executive Session from 10:08 A.M. until 10:17 A.M.]

VI. Public Comment

No public were present, and no comment offered.

VII. 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 10:18 A.M.]