

School Employees' Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: February 27, 2023

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided and filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The notice was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2022.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, February 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Division of Taxation, 3 John Fitch Way, Trenton, NJ 08611.

The text of Resolution B (Executive Session) – was read in its entirety in the event that the Committee desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into closed session.

Kelly Fields took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Committee Members:

John Megariotis

Sarah Favinger

Donna Chiera

Denise Graff-Policastro

Also Present:

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General

Kelly Fields, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits

Joyce Malerba, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

Theresa Williams, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

Dr. Kelly Blundy, MSK Solutions

Roy Vingan, MSK Solutions

Dr. Pat Roth, MSK Solutions

Jerry Gallo, Sword Health

Liz Santo, Sword Health

Bob Patterson, Sword Health

Absent

Andrea Spalla

Lynn Azarchi

Division Update:

Nicole Ludwig touched base on the locations leaving and entering the SEHBP. Ms. Ludwig discussed a request for an update on a card issue for the Aetna ID cards in regards to Retirees for State Employees only, the issue did not impact SEHBP. Ms. Ludwig stated that this issue has been resolved.

MSK Solutions Presentation:

Dr. Kelly Blundy stated that the current state of MSK and healthcare is very expensive. Dr. Roth stated that MSK Solutions is interested in investing in the education behind health treatments and the causes of health issues, such as musculoskeletal pain, rather than immediately treating a patient. Dr. Blundy spoke on evidenced-based care to improve MSK health outcomes with a goal of saving 25-30% overall in the first year. The focus of this program is education, care paths, appropriate conservative care and proper management.

Sword Health Presentation:

Bob Patterson briefly mentioned an opportunity to help SHBP and SEHBP save \$50 million a year in medical claims cost. Liz Santo presented a technology called Sword 360. Sword Health is providing digital physical therapy programs and pelvic health programs. Ms. Santo demonstrated tools such as, sensor technology, motion limiter and women's pelvic health program.

Committee member made a motion to move to Executive Session. Committee member Chiera seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was accepted.

Upon return from Executive Session, Committee member Favinger made a motion for the Division to research the cost of adding a dental plan on the retired side that would mirror the Dental Expense Plan that currently exists for Active members. Committee member Chiera seconded. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

Kelly Fields made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Committee Member Favinger seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The SEHBP-PDC meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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