

School Employees' Health Benefits Program

Plan Design Committee

Open Session Minutes: June 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held telephonically.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Committee filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. . The 2021 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 19, 2020, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 23, 2020. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting were sent to the Secretary of State and posted to the Divisions Website on March 9, 2021.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held telephonically.

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.

Acting Secretary Ludwig took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Julie Giordano Plotkin, NJEA

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Assistant Treasurer

Donna Chiera, AFT/AFL-CIO

Lynn Azarchi- Director Office of Management and Budget

Kevin Kelleher, NJEA

John Megariotis, Acting Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Absent:

Also Present:

Christin Deacon, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Andrew Lawson, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Debra Pelto, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General

Meeting Minutes

DPB representative Andrew Lawson advised the Committee members the Minutes had been provided in advance of the meeting. The minutes are for the meetings dated February, March, April and May. Committee Member Kelleher made a motion to approve all minutes in a block. Committee Lynn Azarchi seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Division Updates

Assistant Director Christin Deacon advised the Committee the SHBP PDC formed a subgroup at the most recent SHBP PDC meeting. She explained that the subgroup was reviewing prescription drugs and disruption resulting from the medication becoming available over the counter (OTC). She stated the subgroup was working to find ways to improve the member experience and to reduce the member cost share. Mrs. Deacon suggested the SEHBP PDC forms a similar subgroup who would explore the solutions, and possibly come to a uniform resolve which would benefit the SEHBP. Commissioner Kelleher made a motion to form a subgroup. Donna Chiera seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The Committee members determined that Kevin Kelleher and Jennifer Keyes Maloney would sit on the subgroup.

Update regarding Garden State Health Plan (GSHP)

Mrs. Deacon began by stating that Andrew Lawson of the Division has taken the lead role in this procurement. She stated he is the sole person responsible for the procurement.

Mrs. Deacon stated the RFP has been issued by the Division of Pensions and Benefits on Thursday June 17, 2021. She explained Electronic questions must be submitted by June 30, 2021 no later than 2pm. She advised committee that the RFP is live on the Division's website.

Mrs. Deacon stated the goal of the RFP is to contract with vendors that will drive meaningful change in healthcare. The Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) will provide patient-centered healthcare with excellent access to cost-effective highly integrated healthcare services, located in the state. The goal of the plan is to move away from the fee for service models and focus on a whole person health approach to healthcare.

Commissioner Kelleher thanked Andrew Lawson (DPB) for his hard work on this, stating that he was responsible for 99.9 percent of the work. He stated he is excited to see the response from the vendors and looks forward to moving to a high-quality health care at the most affordable cost. He thanked the Division for the continued partnership to see such programs as the GSHP move forward.

Adjournment

Having no further matters to discuss, Committee Member Megariotis made a motion to adjourn, Committee member Giordano-Plotkin seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Ludwig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Ludwig
Acting Secretary SEHBP PDC