

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: May 21, 2020 1:00 p.m.

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. A meeting notice was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 26, 2019. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting was sent to the Star Ledger and Trenton Times on April 18, 2020.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, May 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.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:

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Assistant Treasurer (Co-Chair)

Dini Ajmani, Assistant Treasurer

Michael Zanyor, NJSTFA

Kevin Lyons, NJ State PBA

Justin Zimmerman, Chief of Staff, Department of Banking and Insurance

Kimberly Holmes EEO/AA Officer, Department of Community Affairs

David Kreuger, NJ FMBA

Tennille McCoy, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital Strategies, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Robert Little, AFSCME Department of Research

Absent:

Patrick Nowlan, AAUP – AFT (Co-Chair)

Hetty Rosenstein, New Jersey Area Director, CWA/District 1

David Ridolfino, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Also Present:

Christopher Meyer, Deputy Attorney General

Christin Deacon Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Andrew Lawson Division of Pensions and Benefits

Pledge of Allegiance:

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig led the PDC in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

DIVISION UPDATES

Christin Deacon of the Division of Pensions & Benefits stated the July 1, 2020 Formulary Updates have gone out to the members, and are posted to the website.

Mrs. Deacon provided an update to the request for statistics for the Horizon Health Guide. She stated that in Q1 over 16,000 members have contacted the Horizon Health Guide. Commissioner Lyons asked if the Health Guide or other initiatives are going to go away after the COVID-19 EO expires. Mrs. Deacon stated that several of the initiatives are here to stay, including the Health Guide, as well as many Behavioral Health Initiative.

Commissioner Lyons stated that several of his members have stated that they wish to continue telehealth. He stated that once the COVID crisis is over, he would like the PDC to do a deeper dive into the benefits of this offering. Mrs. Deacon stated that the PDC will need to take action once it is not mandated to be covered under the existing EO. Co-Chair Keyes-Maloney stated that the PDC will pin this and revisit once the mandate is over.

Mrs. Deacon stated that the claims review and analytics and data management vendor that was procured early 2020. She stated that the pre-pay clinical review is slated to go live in Q3-Q4 2020. The post-pay clinical claims review and payment analytics is slated to go live in Q1 2021. The AI portion known as Ellie is slated to go live Q3-Q4.

Mrs. Deacon informed the PDC that the Division is working with Integrity Health which is the entity that was awarded First Responders DCPMH program. She states that Horizon and Integrity Health are in the final stages of negotiating network contracts and go live dates.

Mrs. Deacon gave an update regarding Livongo, a program offered through Horizon regarding Diabetes management. She stated if the PDC would like it the Division can arrange for a deeper dive into the program. She stated at to date there are approximately 2,000 members enrolled in the program.

PRESENTATION: WORKIT

Mrs. Deacon gave a brief overview of WorkIt, a behavior health telemedicine provider that focuses on substance abuse. This is a multi-step program which can facilitate the many levels of care needed during substance abuse treatment.

Committee member Zanyor stated that WorkIt and Telemedicine focusing on Behavioral Health may be the solution the subcommittee has been looking for.

DISCUSSION: COVID-19 TESTING

Co-Chari Keyes-Maloney stated there was a specific question brought to the PDC regarding antibody testing. Mrs. Deacon stated that the current mandate states there is a zero dollar co-pay for any FDA approved COVID-19 tests.

Committee member Little stated that different locations are using different types of tests, however there are several locations that do not have testing abilities, for example the mental health facilities. He asked where we stand with test kits. Mrs. Deacon said at this time she does not have any insight into this but will keep the PDC up to date. Committee member Little asked if there was a standard test, and deferred to the PBA for any experience. Committee member Kreuger stated the FMBA had exposure in his town and he will reach out as to what they did. Committee member Lyons stated he will reach out after the meeting as well.

Co-Chari Keyes-Maloney stated that she will bring the concerns back to the COVID taskforce for the State of NJ.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Jennifer Keyes-Maloney stated the Treasurer's office wanted to thank the Division staff for the hard work, and their support during these difficult times.

Having no further actions to discuss, Committee member Little made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Holmes seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting concluded at 1:55 pm.

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 SHBP PDC