

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: October 28, 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 September 21, 2020.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, October 28, 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)

Michael Zanyor, NJSTFA

Kevin Lyons, NJ State PBA

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

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

Robert Little, AFSCME Department of Research

Patrick Nowlan, AAUP – AFT (Co-Chair)

Absent:

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

David Ridolfino, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Kimberly Holmes EEO/AA Officer, Department of Community Affairs

David Krueger, NJ FMBA

Dini Ajmani, Assistant Treasurer

Also Present:

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General

Amy Chung, 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.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Lyons made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 23, 2020; the April 22, and the May 21, 2020 meetings. Committee Member Zanyor seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

2021 MEETING DATES

Committee Member Zanyor made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates, with the understanding that the November and December dates will be revisited for possible adjustment due to the holidays. Co-Chair Nowlan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

DIVISION REPORT

Christin Deacon the Assistant Director for the Division of Pensions & Benefits provided an update on the Flu Shot initiative. She stated that all Stakeholders will be provided with a flu shot tool kit. This kit will provide resources to set up flu shot clinics. Mrs. Deacon asked that if the Division could see the partnership the Stakeholders in this initiative.

Mrs. Deacon stated that from March 2, 2020 to date there have been over 402,000 COVID tests, with approximately 45,000 being positive. She stated the claims spend, not for testing, is \$98.9 million.

Mrs. Deacon stated that in regards to Telemedicine there have been approximately 117,000 total claims for telemedicine. She reminded the PDC that telemedicine is at a no cost share to members, for In-Network services. That no-cost share mandate was set in statute and expires 90 days after the expiration of the public health emergency. Mrs. Deacon asked that the PDC put telemedicine on the radar to see what the continued strategy would be once this public health emergency is over.

Mrs. Deacon gave an update on the pharmacy side, stating that on October 22, 2020 the FDA announced approval of Gilead VEKLURY, which is REMDESIVIR, for adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older for the treatment of COVID-19 for those hospitalized patients. She stated that there

are several vaccines in phase 2 and phase 3 of clinical trials. She added that drug utilization has leveled out after the spike in March. It is believed that this spike was due to the early refill edits.

DENTAL CDT CODES FOR 2021

Kim Ward and Ian Carucci presented the 2021 Dental CDT codes for approval. Committee Member Zanyor asked if there were any negative cost impacts to the plan with these changes. Mr. Carucci stated that there are no real changes from a cost perspective. Co-Chair Nowlan made a motion to approve the 2021 Dental CDT Codes. Committee Member Lyons seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Adjournment

Having no further actions to discuss, Committee Member Little made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Lyons seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting concluded at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Ludwig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Ludwig
Acting Secretary SHBP PDC