

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
January 25, 2023

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Commission filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The 2023 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 20, 2022, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2022. Updates regarding the telephonic meeting were sent to the Secretary of State, the Star Ledger, the Trenton Times and posted to the division's website on December 1st, 2022.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Due to health and safety concerns for the public regarding COVID-19, the meeting of January 25, 2023, was not be held in-person and instead be conducted via teleconference.

The text of Resolution A (Closed Session) and Resolution B (Executive Session) were read in their entirety in the event that the Commission desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into Closed or Executive session.

Kelly Fields led the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Fields took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Board Members:

Kelly Fields
Andrea Spalla
Julie Diaz
Kimberly Holmes
Lynn Azarchi
Deborah Pelto
Joyce Malerba
Justin Zimmerman
Michael Zanyor
Kevin Lyons
Robert Little
Patrick Nolan
Jim McAsey
David Kruger

Also Present:

Michael Civello, Rethink
Genevieve Wozow, Rethink, Public Sector Expert
Dr. Gary Hall, HMS

Division Update:

Joyce Malerba touched base on 2 division updates; early retiree rates, which has been taken care of, and the subgroup schedule. Kelly Fields stated the RX subgroup has been scheduled, the RBP group is to be scheduled. The super conciliation update will be finalizing a date that works for everyone. Ms. Fields provided the name of the super conciliator and details of the first meeting with the super conciliator.

Rethink Vendor Presentation:

Michael Civello presented a program to assist parents with a child who has additional needs or special circumstances, such as autism, ADHD and ADD. The program consists of online programming and virtual one-to-one services providing help to those parents and teaching them new ways to work with their children. Mr. Civello stated he has data that he will provide to support the utilization of service results in downstream cost savings.

HMS Presentation:

Dr. Hall presented about a medical claims review and data management service. HMS is working to make sure money spent is spent appropriately on healthcare for beneficiaries and members of health plans; program integrity is their number one goal. HMS plans to accomplish this goal through prepay clinical review and post-pay reviews using DRG coding and validation.

Kelly Fields made a motion to adjourn. Julie Diaz seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Commission