

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: February 22, 2023

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided and 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, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2022. The annual meeting schedule was posted to the Division website on December 1st, 2022.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 1 p.m. The meeting of February 22, 2023, was held in-person at the Division of Taxation and also teleconference.

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

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Andrea Spalla
Kimberly Holmes
Michael Zanyor
Kevin Lyons
Jim McAsey
David Krueger
Bob Little
Patrick Nowlan
Lynn Azarchi
Julie Diaz
Justin Zimmerman

Also Present:

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General
Kelly Fields, Division of Pension and Benefits
Joyce Malerba, Division of Pension and Benefits
Mary Carr, Aetna, Account Manager
David Norton, Aetna, Senior Director
Tom Allen, Aetna, Client Service Manager
Kelly Blundy, MSK Solutions
Dr. Roy Vingan, MSK Solutions, Neurosurgeon
Pat Roth, MSK Solutions, Neurosurgeon
Bob Patterson, Sword Health
Dr. Brittany Lowe, Sword Health
Jerry Gallo, Sword Health

Absent:
John Megariotis

Division Update:

Kelly Fields provided an updated list of terminations for the Local and the Board of Education along with the Board of Education locations that are joining SEHB. Joyce Malerba let the committee members know this will be a monthly report we will continue to share with the committee. Committee member Lyons requested loss ratios be included on the list going forward. Committee member Nowlan presented questions about special open enrollment at NJIT regarding Horizon calculators, Benefitsolver calculations and state division support. Theresa Williams stated the calculators are not updated for NJIT but it is being worked on.

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan:

Mary Carr stated that the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan will cover a provider/facility as long as it accepts both Medicare and Aetna. Ms. Carr stated there is a 95% rate of providers that accept the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan. Committee member Lyons questioned if the 95% rate reflects New Jersey or nationwide. Mr. Lyons requested the minutes/transcripts from the 2018 meeting.

MSK Solutions Presentation:

Dr. Pat Roth stated that the issue being presented is with difficult access/high costs for medicines and treatments regarding musculoskeletal health, such as, chiropractors, physical therapists, orthopedic surgeons and neurosurgeons. Dr. Roth touched on focusing on the educational aspect with a patient rather than immediately treating a patient. Committee member Lyons voiced that he needs to see data as to how this approach will save money.

Sword Health Presentation:

Bob Patterson stated he is looking to save New Jersey patients with musculoskeletal and pelvic health issues \$47 million a year using prevention guidelines, capabilities, scale and engagement, and outcomes. Dr. Brittany Lowe introduced digital physical therapy, pelvic health programs, sensor technology, and motion limiter.

Kelly Fields made a motion to adjourn. Committee member Holmes seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee