

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
May 24, 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. The annual meeting schedule was posted to the Division website on December 1, 2022.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Department of Treasury in Trenton.

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 took roll call.

Committee Members:

Kevin Lyons
Kimberly Holmes
Kim Walker
John Megariotis
Justin Zimmerman
Michael Zanyor
Andrea Spalla
Tariq Shabazz
Robert Little
Patrick Nowlan
Jim McAsey
David Krueger

Also Present:

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General
Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Kelly Fields, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Joyce Malerba, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Sonia Rivera-Perez, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Theresa Williams, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Lynn Azarchi, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Mr. Porter
Kaylee, Technician
Christopher, Intern
Susan, Intern
Adam Demarzo, Optum RX
Kate Miller, Optum RX

Coralee Whitsitt, Optum RX
Jon Pipas, Aon
Joseph Tappe, Aon
Deborah Whisler, Aon
Michele Engle, Aon
Allison Wong, Aon

Kevin Lyons made a motion to pass the January 25th State Health Benefits PDC meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

The Committee made a motion to pass the March 22nd meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Aon Presentation:

Jon Pipas discussed the HDHP deductible increase for the plan 2024 year.

Optum RX Presentation:

Adam Demarzo reviewed the annual resolution and the cost impact for Optum RX. Mr. Demarzo stated if none of the resolutions were to pass, the cost of the plan would increase. If moved to an open formulary, drug costs and rebates would be impacted.

Subgroup Update:

Michael Zanyor stated there are two subgroups currently meeting; the reference-based pricing subgroup and the specialty RX subgroup or specialty prescription subgroup. Mr. Zanyor stated there is data being analyzed to see if there are prescription cost savings that can be utilized.

Kevin Lyons made a motion to move to Executive Session. All voted in favor.

Upon return from Executive Session, Kimberly Holmes made a motion to adjourn. John Megariotis seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee