

**State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan
Health Insurance Management Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 24, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Room 139 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m. The presiding officer was Mr. Kevin J. Upchurch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Voting

Mr. Kevin Upchurch
Dr. Eric Clark
Mr. Mike Chaney
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter
Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Ms. Pat Robertson
Mr. Liles Williams

Non-Voting

The Honorable Videt Carmichael
The Honorable Herb Frierson

Members Absent:

Ms. DeAnne Mosley
Dr. Lynn House (*Represented by Ms. Gracie Sanders*)
Dr. Hank Bounds

The Honorable Eugene Clarke
The Honorable Gary Chism

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Ms. Rita Wray
Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Mr. Steve May
Ms. Edie Ivey
Ms. Susan Lancaster
Mr. Curt Hubbard
Ms. Lisa Crumpton

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Romaine Richards, Esquire

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Mr. Kevin J. Upchurch, Chairman of the Board. Chairman Upchurch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 26, 2013

The minutes of the Board's regular monthly meeting of June 26, 2013 were provided to all Board members for their review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Liles Williams to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Christopher Burkhalter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Clark, Fortenberry, Robertson, and Williams voting affirmatively.

Consulting Services Contract

Chairman Upchurch recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who advised that the Board's consulting services contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP would expire on September 30, 2013. Mr. Self explained that in accordance with the Board's February 2013 authorization, the staff worked with the Board's subcommittee, consisting of Mr. Liles Williams, Mr. Larry Fortenberry, and Dr. Hank Bounds, to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services. Mr. Self advised that proposals received in response to the RFP were evaluated, and that finalists' presentations were conducted in Jackson, attended by Board and subcommittee members, and staff. He reported that as a result of the evaluation process, the proposal submitted by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, was determined to be the top scorer.

A motion was made by Mr. Liles Williams that the Board approve entering into contract negotiations with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to provide consulting services for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, and subject to successful contract negotiations, for the Chairman of the Board to execute the contract on behalf of the Board. Mr. Larry Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Clark, Fortenberry, Robertson, and Williams voting affirmatively.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request

Mr. Self presented the Fiscal Year 2015 budget request, a copy of which had been distributed to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. Mr. Self explained that the budget request is presented for Board approval only and that no State appropriation is required.

Dr. Eric Clark moved that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2015 budget as presented. Mr. Larry Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Clark, Fortenberry, Robertson, and Williams voting affirmatively.

Chairman Upchurch recognized Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, who suggested that the Board's Actuary, Mr. Lynn Townsend, develop various scenarios depicting the projected impact to the Plan from potential enrollment increases resulting from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and provide the results to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Financial Statements

Chairman Upchurch recognized Mr. Steve May, Director of Accounting and Analysis with the Office of Insurance, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of June 2013. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting.

General Schedule

Ms. Bradshaw reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months. Ms. Bradshaw advised Board members that preparations for the Board's annual Strategic Planning Retreat were in the process, tentatively scheduled for early September. Ms. Bradshaw advised that Board members would be contacted very soon to determine an optimum date and time for the September meeting.

Old Business

Chairman Upchurch reminded the Board of the ongoing compliance issues associated with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), and advised that staff was working with the Attorney General's Office on guidance as to the questions previously raised regarding the definition of "employer" for PPACA compliance purposes, as well as substantiation as to Plan's eligibility guidelines relating to contract workers. Mr. Self reported that a significant component of PPACA, the employer mandate to offer coverage, was recently postponed from the January 1, 2014 originally scheduled effective date to January 1, 2015, thus allowing more time for these questions to be resolved and for employers to formulate compliance plans. Mr. Self informed Board members that the staff had recently hosted an educational forum to help employer groups within the Plan better understand and comply with certain critical components of the PPACA, and to distinguish between the compliance responsibilities of the Plan and those of the employer groups. Mr. Self advised that PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, the Board's consultant, led the discussion, including a presentation entitled, *"State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, Overview of the Affordable Care Act"*. A copy of the presentation was distributed to Board members. Mr. Self announced that the staff was working with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP to host a webinar in August that would provide access to this information to all employer groups within the Plan, including the opportunity for questions and answers.

Board members discussed the need to continue to provide PPACA compliance information to employer groups relative to their participation in the Plan, as such information becomes available.

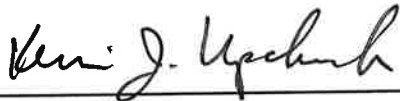
New Business

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

Chairman Upchurch announced that the next regular meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., August 28, 2013, in Room 139, located at the Woolfolk Building.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin J. Upchurch", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin J. Upchurch
Chairman
State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board