

**State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan
Health Insurance Management Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 27, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in Room 139 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:02 a.m. The presiding officer was Mr. Kevin J. Upchurch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Voting

Mr. Kevin Upchurch
Mr. Mike Chaney (*Represented by Designee, Mr. Bob Williams*)
Dr. Eric Clark
Mr. Larry Fortenberry (*via phone*)
Ms. Pat Robertson
Mr. Liles Williams (*via phone*)

Non-Voting

The Honorable Gary Chism

Members Absent:

Dr. Glenn Boyce (*Represented by Mr. Ted Sledge*)
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter
Ms. DeAnne Mosley
Dr. Carey Wright

The Honorable Videt Carmichael
The Honorable Eugene Clarke
The Honorable Herb Frierson

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Mr. Steve May
Mr. Curt Hubbard
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Mr. Chris Shaman
Ms. Claire Whittington

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Romaine Richards, Esquire

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Mr. Kevin Upchurch, Chairman of the Board, who opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Upchurch recognized the Representative Gary Chism, Chairman of the House Insurance Committee, who briefly discussed legislation which passed during the 2015 Legislative Session, including House Bill 873 and House Bill 952. Chairman Chism advised that the Legislature had passed House Bill 873 due in part to concerns over the financial impact that the \$50 tobacco use surcharge would have on State employees who have not received a raise in a number of years. He likewise advised that House Bill 952, an oral oncology parity bill, was intended to assist participants who receive

such medications with their coinsurance and/or copayments. Chairman Chism further explained that the bill also included a section that authorized, but did not require, the Board to solicit proposals for bundled surgical services for certain procedures, with the goal that this could result in cost savings to the Plan and Plan participants. He suggested that the Board consider issuing such an RFP. Chairman Chism also asked that the Board consider office copayments as a potential benefit change, in response to concerns brought to his attention regarding the Plan's current deductible and coinsurance structure. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 22, 2015

The minutes of the Board's regular monthly meeting of April 22, 2015, were provided to all Board members for their review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bob Williams (designee for member Chaney) to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Pat Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote, with members Clark, Fortenberry, Robertson, B. Williams, and L. Williams voting affirmatively.

Third Party Claims Administration Services Request for Proposals

Chairman Upchurch recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who explained that the Board's contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi for third party medical claims administration services will expire on December 31, 2016. Mr. Self advised that the solicitation and selection of a vendor to provide these services is a lengthy and comprehensive process, and includes a legal requirement that six months be allowed for implementation. Because of this requirement, development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for these services will need to commence within the next several months to ensure that the selected vendor is under contract by July 1, 2016, and ready to provide services by January 1, 2017. Chairman Upchurch named a subcommittee consisting of Chris Burkhalter, Mike Chaney, Pat Robertson, and Liles Williams to work with staff on this RFP. A motion was made by Dr. Eric Clark that the Board approve proceeding with the Request for Proposals for third party medical claims administration services. Mr. B. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote, with members Clark, Fortenberry, Robertson, B. Williams, and L. Williams voting affirmatively.

2014 Medical Claims and Performance Review

Chairman Upchurch recognized Ms. Michelle Suckow, Senior Consultant with Claim Technologies, Inc. (CTI), to present the results of CTI's recently completed review of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi's (BCBSMS) calendar year 2014 performance as the third party medical claims administrator for the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. A copy of CTI's report entitled "*Claims and Performance Review Report, January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014*", as well as BCBSMS's response to the report, was distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Suckow provided Board members with a summary overview document, and discussed the review process and the key results. She advised the Board that BCBSMS posted high levels of administrative performance and had met or exceeded all contractual performance standards.

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 April 2015. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting.

General Schedule

Chairman Upchurch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months.

Ms. Bradshaw reported that the Board Retreat originally scheduled for June 23 would need to be rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts among Board members. She explained the need to update the Board's Strategic Plan and asked Chairman Upchurch to assign a subcommittee to work with the staff on this project. A subcommittee of Mike Chaney, Larry Fortenberry, Pat Robertson, and Liles Williams was appointed. Dr. Clark advised that subsequent to his June 30, 2015 retirement, Ms. Deborah Gilbert, has been named Interim Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, and would also be willing to participate on the subcommittee. Chairman Upchurch agreed to add Ms. Gilbert to the subcommittee and likewise encouraged any other interested Board members to participate.

Old Business

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

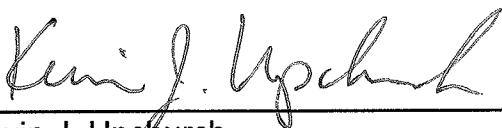
New Business

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., June 24, 2015, in Room 139, located at the Woolfolk Building.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



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