

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Minutes of the Standing Monthly Meeting June 24, 2020

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held via telephone conference call. A speakerphone was available in Room 139 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, for the general public to listen to the meeting. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present via telephone.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Andrea Mayfield
Dr. Alfred Rankins

Voting Members Absent

Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Dr. Felicia Gavin)*

Non-Voting Members Present

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The Honorable Gary Chism
- Chairman, House Insurance Committee
The Honorable John Read
- Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable J. Walter Michel
- Chairman, Senate Insurance Committee
The Honorable W. Briggs Hopson
- Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present

Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Mr. John Anderson
Ms. Terri Ashley
Ms. Latasha Holmes
Ms. Angela Inman
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Mr. Chris Shaman
Ms. Christina Young

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Ms. Liz Bolin, Esquire

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the Standing Board Meeting of May 27, 2020

Chairman Welch announced that minutes of the Board's standing monthly meeting of May 27, 2020, had been provided to all Board members for their review in advance of today's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly Hardwick for the Board to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Selection of Pharmacy Benefit Manager Vendor

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who reminded the Board that the current contract with Prime Therapeutics, LLC for pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) services will expire on December 31, 2020. At the September 25, 2019 meeting, the Board authorized staff to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pharmacy benefit manager services, and assigned a PBM RFP subcommittee consisting of Mr. Mike Chaney, Mr. Mark Formby, and Mr. Larry Fortenberry. Subsequent to the February 11, 2020 release of the RFP, a comprehensive evaluation was conducted by the staff, including input and assistance from the Board's subcommittee, the Board's consultant Segal Consulting, and the Board's actuary Wm. Lynn Townsend, FSA, MAAA. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Fortenberry for the Board to approve entering into contract negotiations with CaremarkPCS Health to provide Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services for the State and School Employees' 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. Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Latasha Holmes, Director of Budget and Accounting 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 May 2020. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. No further action was needed or taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 4: General Schedule

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Bradshaw who briefly reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months. No further action was needed or taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who discussed the temporary COVID-19 related benefit enhancements previously approved by the Board by email in March 2020. Mr. Self advised the temporary waiver of cost sharing for telemedicine visits would expire on June 30, 2020, as well as the temporary relaxation of the early prescription drug refill limitations. Mr. Self further advised that the medically necessary diagnostic testing for COVID-19 at no cost sharing would remain in effect based on federal requirements, and telephone-only telemedicine provider visits would remain a covered benefit subject to applicable deductibles, coinsurance, and/or copayments. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Chaney for the Board to confirm approval of the temporary COVID-19 related benefit enhancements so as to spread same upon the minutes. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

Chairman Welch announced that the next standing meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, and that details regarding meeting format and access would be forthcoming.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liz Welch", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Ms. Liz Welch
Chairman
State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board