

## **State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board**

### **Standing Monthly Meeting February 24, 2021**

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, February 24, 2021, in Office of Insurance Conference Room, Suite 901B, in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams®. A speakerphone was available in Room 138 in the Woolfolk Building for the general public to listen to the meeting. The conference number was also provided to the public. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

#### **Voting Members Present**

Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman  
Mr. Mike Chaney *(Represented by Mr. Bob Williams)*  
Mr. Mark Formby  
Mr. Larry Fortenberry  
Mr. Kelly Hardwick  
Mr. Ray Higgins *(Via Teams)*  
Dr. Alfred Rankins *(Via Teams)*  
Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Dr. Felicia Gavin via Teams)*

#### **Non-Voting Members Present**

The Honorable John Read – Chairman,  
House Appropriations Committee *(Via phone)*

#### **Voting Members Absent**

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Andrea Mayfield

#### **Non-Voting Members Absent**

The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,  
*Senate Insurance Committee*  
The Honorable Briggs Hopson – Chairman,  
*Senate Appropriations Committee*  
The Honorable Henry Zuber – Chairman  
*House Insurance Committee*

#### **Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:**

Ms. Cindy Bradshaw  
Ms. Angela Inman *(Via Teams)*  
Mr. Chris Shaman *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Amanda Murphy  
Mr. John Anderson *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Alicia Coleman *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Dinah Wilson *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Christina Young *(Via phone)*

#### **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 January 27, 2021 Standing Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's January 27, 2021 standing monthly meeting 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 for January as presented. Mr. Larry Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin (designee for member Wright), Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 2: Minutes of the February 12, 2021 Special Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's February 12, 2021 special meeting had been provided to all Board members for their review in advance of today's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Fortenberry for the Board to approve the minutes for January as presented. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 3: Selection of Health and Wellness Management Services Vendor**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance who reminded the Board they had previously authorized staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for health and wellness management services, at which time an RFP subcommittee consisting of Mr. Kelly Hardwick, Dr. Andrea Mayfield, and Dr. Carey Wright was named. The Board's current contract with ActiveHealth Management (AHM) will expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Bradshaw reported that the proposal evaluation process had since been completed, and that subcommittee was ready to present a recommendation to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick for the Board to approve entering into contract negotiations with ActiveHealth Management to provide health and wellness management 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. Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 4: Selection of Utilization Management Services Vendor**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who reminded the Board that they had previously authorized staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for utilization management services, at which time an RFP subcommittee consisting of Mr. Kelly Hardwick, Dr. Andrea Mayfield, and Dr. Carey Wright was

named. The Board's current contract with ActiveHealth Management (AHM) will expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Bradshaw reported that the proposal evaluation process had since been completed, and that subcommittee was ready to present a recommendation to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick for the Board to approve entering into contract negotiations with Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro) to provide utilization management 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. Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Calendar Year 2020 Actuarial Report Preliminary Projections**

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Wm. Lynn Townsend, FSA, MAAA, consulting actuary for the Board, who presented preliminary projections from his actuarial analysis of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for calendar year (CY) 2020. A copy of the report entitled "*Preliminary Financial Projections Calendar Year 2020*" was provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. Mr. Townsend discussed historical and projected trend rates, and provided projected premium rate adjustment needs as indicated to meet the Plan's stated funding objective. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick to revise the premium rate change assumption for January 1, 2022, to 6% and a projected rate of 10% for CY 2023 and to provide this updated information to the Legislative Budget Office for CY 2022 budgeting purposes. Mr. Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, and Rankins voting affirmatively. (Member Chaney entered the meeting room during Mr. Townsend's presentation.)

At this point, Chairman Welch and Member Higgins had to leave for the remainder of the meeting. Chairman Welch appointed Board Member Mark Formby to chair the meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Financial Statements**

Mr. Formby recognized Ms. Angela Inman, Deputy Director, Office of Insurance, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of January 2021. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

#### **Agenda Item 7: General Schedule**

Mr. Formby recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, Deputy Director, Office of Insurance, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months.

**Agenda Item 8: Old Business**

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

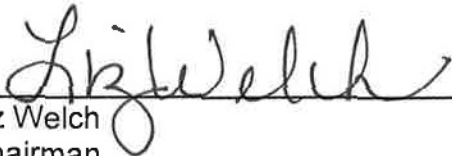
**Agenda Item 9: New Business**

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Formby 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, March 24, 2021.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

  
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Liz Welch  
Chairman  
State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board