

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting June 26, 2024

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, June 26, 2024, in Room 117, in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:03 a.m. 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
Mr. Mark Formby *(Via Teams)*
Dr. Felicia Gavin *(Via Teams)*
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Mr. Kell Smith *(Via Teams)*

Non-Voting Members Present

The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee
The Honorable Jerry Turner – Chairman
House Insurance Committee

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Chris Burkhalter, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ray Higgins

Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable Briggs Hopson – Chairman,
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Read – Chairman,
House Appropriations Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Bert Emrick
Ms. Liz Bolin, Esquire
Ms. Karen McKlemurry
Ms. Carlotta Edwards *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Lori Paes *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Makleisha Logan-Hite *(Via Teams)*

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 May 22, 2024 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's May 22, 2024, 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 May as presented. Mr. Kell Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Rankins, Smith, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Requests for Proposals for Medical Claims and Performance Audit Service

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, State Insurance Administrator, who stated that the Board's contract with Claim Technologies, Inc. (CTI), for the medical claims and performance audit services will expire on December 31, 2024. This contract primarily provides for the annual audits of the Plan's third-party medical claims administrator to ensure claims are adjudicated according to the contractual performance standards, appropriate Plan benefits, and industry standards, in addition to providing other such related non-recurring audit services as needed and requested by the Board. In order to ensure that the selected contractor(s) will be ready to provide these services by January 1, 2025, staff will need to begin the procurement process in the next month. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick for the Board to approve issuing requests for proposals for medical claims and performance audit services. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Rankins, Smith, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Requests for Proposals for Pharmacy Claims and Performance Audit Service

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who stated that the Board's contract with PillarRx Consulting, LLC (PillarRx), for the pharmacy claims and performance audit services will expire on December 31, 2024. This contract primarily provides for the annual audits of the Plan's third-party pharmacy claims administrator to ensure claims are adjudicated according to the contractual performance standards, appropriate Plan benefits, and industry standards, in addition to providing other such related non-recurring audit services as needed and requested by the Board. In order to ensure that the selected contractor(s) will be ready to provide these services by January 1, 2025, staff will need to begin the procurement process in the next month. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick for the Board to approve issuing requests for proposals for pharmacy claims and performance audit services. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Rankins, Smith, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 4: Compliance to SB2140 from Office of Insurance Perspective

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who stated that the Office of Insurance has had several working sessions with our partners to ensure that the Mississippi State and School Health Insurance Plan will be compliant with the requirements of SB2140 (PA Reform Bill) by the July 1, 2024, deadline. Prior Authorization criteria will be readily available to our participants and providers through the Office of Insurance website and the partner websites. The several informational and clinical timeliness and turnaround deadlines created by the PA Reform Bill have been identified and implemented. The capacity for providers to submit PA and medical information electronically has been and will remain available for our providers to utilize. Our partners include Acentra Health (Utilization and Care Management), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi (Medical Benefits Administrator) and CVS Caremark (Pharmacy Benefits Administrator).

Agenda Item 5: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of May 2024. Copies of the financial statements were provided to the Board members for review prior to the meeting. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

Agenda Item 6: General Schedule

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next few months.

Agenda Item 7: Old Business

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

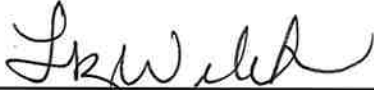
Agenda Item 8: New Business

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 24, 2024.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Welch", is written over a horizontal line.

Liz Welch
Chairman

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