

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting July 24, 2024

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, July 24, 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. Chris Burkhalter, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney *(Represented by Mr. Bob Williams)*
Dr. Felicia Gavin *(Represented by Ms. Sheila Buie)*
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Mr. Kell Smith *(Represented by Mr. Jason Carter)*

Non-Voting Members Present

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

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Mark Formby

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. Alicia Coleman *(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 June 26, 2024 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's June 26, 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 June as presented. Dr. Al Rankins seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Buie (designee for member Gavin), Carter (designee for member Smith), Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Comprehensive Health and Wellness Management Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, State Insurance Administrator, who stated that the term of the health and wellness management services contract with ActiveHealth Management, Inc., is from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, with an option to renew for one additional year at the Board's discretion. This extension will move the contract through June 30, 2026. This contract provides wellness promotion management services, optional services, such as disease management, maternity management, and weight management. Although guaranteed pricing for this optional fifth year was included in the original proposal and is included in the current contract, additional negotiations may be warranted to ensure optimal pricing and related terms, based on the current and projected market conditions and current legislation. Should the Board choose not to extend the contract, staff will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by July 1, 2025. A motion was made by Dr. Rankins for the Board to approve extending the contract for a fifth year. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Buie (designee for member Gavin), Carter (designee for member Smith), Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Utilization and Care Management Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who stated that the term of the utilization and care management services contract with Acentra Health f/k/a Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro) is from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025, with an option to renew for an additional six-month period at the Board's discretion. This extension will move the contract through December 31, 2025. This contract's services include hospital admission/utilization management services, continued stay management, discharge planning, retrospective review, pre-admission and post-discharge outreach, and case management. Although guaranteed pricing for this optional six-month period was included in the original proposal and is included in the current contract, additional negotiations may be warranted to ensure optimal pricing and related terms, based on the current and projected market conditions and current legislation. Should the Board choose not to extend

the contract, staff will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by July 1, 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Chris Burkhalter for the Board to approve extending the contract for the additional six-month period. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Buie (designee for member Gavin), Carter (designee for member Smith), Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 4: 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 June 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 5: 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.

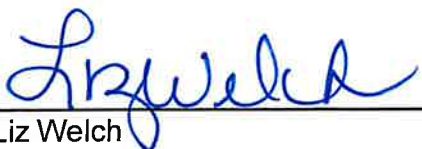
Agenda Item 8: New Business

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, August 28, 2024.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman

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