

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: September 28, 2022 9:00 AM

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Committee filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. A meeting notice was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 10, 2021, and the Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 15, 2021. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting was sent to the Secretary of State and posted to the Division's website on September 23, 2022. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held telephonically.

The text of Resolution B (Executive Session) – was read in its entirety in the event that the Committee desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into closed session.

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Secretary Ludwig then took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Committee Members:

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Michael Zanyor, NJSTFA

Lynn Azarchi, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Kevin Lyons, NJ State PBA

Tennille McCoy, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital Strategies, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Kimberly Holmes Assistant Commissioner /Chief of Staff, Department of Community Affairs

Patrick Nowlan, AAUP – AFT (Co-Chair)

Andrea Spalla

Robert Little, AFSCME Department of Research

David Krueger

James McAsey

John Megariotis- Acting Director, Pensions and Benefits

Other Staff

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Joyce Malerba, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Sonia Rivera- Perez, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Deb Pelto, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Theresa Williams, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Division update

Joyce Malerba advised the 2023 rates were passed and the division is working to have them posted to the website. Benefitsolver and horizon are working on building out the calculator for members. The plan design change charts are also being worked on. Open enrollment will continue to run October 1st through October 31st. The benefitsolver fair has been running since September 15. Committee Member Lyons asked about the percentage for the specialist. Joyce Malerba confirmed its 0.6 percent and urgent care was 0.1 percent for a total of 0.7 percent.

Contract updates- Joyce Malerba stated the Division is currently working with DPP various contracts that are in need of an extension or an RFP.

RBP Subgroup

Co-Chair Andrea Spalla advised the RBP subgroup met. There is a lot of consensus around the consent of an RBP pilot. "Pilot" is of a limited duration and a limited scope with respect to particular procedures or services that it would apply to. Further meetings of that RBP subgroup are warranted. Working out and implementing an RBP pilot would require procurement of a consultant. Committee Member Lyons renewed his request for the RAND report.

RX subgroup

Co-Chair Mike Zanyor suggested that it was time to resume that subgroups efforts in light of concerns raised at the last PDC meeting around specialty pharmacy. Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig said she would reach out to the RX subgroup and work on getting another meeting set up. The members of the subgroup was Jennifer Keyes- Maloney, Kevin Lyons, Patrick Nowlan and Michael Zanyor. Andrea Spalla will replace Jennifer Keyes- Maloney so the number will remain at 4 committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further action to discuss, Committee Member Little made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Megariotis seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting concluded at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Ludwig
Acting Secretary SHBP PDC