

Meeting Minutes | Health Care Policy Committee

Thursday, July 21, 2016 | 10:00 a.m.

200 Arbor Lake Dr., Columbia, SC 29223 | Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes approved August 18, 2016

Board Members Present: Mr. Frank Fusco, Mr. Joe “Rocky” Pearce, Chairman, and Mr. Audie Penn

Board Members Absent: Mr. Steve Heisler

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Sarah Corbett, Ariail Kirk, Heather Muller, Justice Perkins, Jacalin Shealy, Laura Smoak, Rob Tester, Travis Turner, and Heather Young from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Wayne Bell and Sam Griswold from the State Retirees Association of South Carolina; Brooks Goodman and Karen Patton from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina; Karen Russell, Traci Young, and Mark Wermes from Express Scripts, Inc.; Eric St. Pierre from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company; Michael Craig and Kipper Linville from Novo Nordisk, Inc.; and Mary Elizabeth Van Horn from Milliken Law Firm.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Rocky Pearce called the PEBA Health Care Policy Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and stated that the public meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Adoption of Proposed Agenda

Mr. Audie Penn made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Frank Fusco, and approved unanimously, to adopt the proposed Committee meeting agenda.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes- June 23, 2016

Mr. Penn made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fusco, and approved unanimously, to approve the June 23, 2016, Committee meeting minutes.

IV. Strategic Planning

Ms. Sarah Corbett, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed a revised version of the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, and stated that staff is still updating the Strategic Plan based on the suggestions from the Health Care Committee.

V. 2017 State Health Plan Approval of Benefits and Contributions

Mr. Rob Tester, Health Care Policy Director, stated that the employer contribution rate for the State Health Plan will increase 0.8 percent, while employee rates remain the same. Mr. Tester also noted that the benefit structure for the State Health Plan will remain the same for 2017.

Mr. Tester reviewed the proposed 2017 State Health Plan program changes effective January 1, 2017 including:

- Adopt and transition to the Express Scripts National Preferred Formulary to maximize the State Health Plan's ability to obtain the lowest net cost for covered prescriptions.
- Adopt the Express Scripts Hepatitis C Cure Value Program to help ensure adherence and assistance with this high-cost medication and provide cost savings to the State Health Plan.
- Adopt the Express Scripts Cholesterol Care Value Program to actively manage high-cost specialty cholesterol medications known as PCSK9s.
- Add telehealth, clinically-appropriate virtual doctor's visits, through Blue CareonDemandSM as a regular, covered service with patient liability calculated in the same manner as other regular services.
- Add coverage at no cost to the member for manual or electric breast pumps obtained from BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina-contracted providers.
- Increase the lifetime limit for hospice services to \$7,500.

Mr. Tester stated that the employer contribution for the State Dental Plan will increase 15 percent, while the enrollee rate remain the same. Mr. Tester added that the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Health Plan will add telehealth services from the MUSC panel of doctors as a Tier 1 benefit with a \$25 per virtual visit patient copayment.

Mr. Penn made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fusco, and approved unanimously, to recommend that the PEBA Board approve the 2017 State Health Plan as described by the document entitled State Health Plan Program Changes effective January 1, 2017.

VI. MUSC Health Plan Update

Mr. Rob Tester, Health Care Policy Director, provided current information as to the results and status of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Health Plan, which started January 1, 2014. Mr. Tester also reviewed MUSC's quality and utilization measures.

VII. Old Business/Director's Report

Ms. Peggy Boykin, PEBA's Executive Director, stated that she did not have any additional information to report.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Fusco, which was seconded by Mr. Penn, and approved unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.