

Meeting Minutes | Health Care Policy Committee

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 | 10 a.m.
200 Arbor Lake Dr., Columbia, SC 29223 | Second Floor Conference Room

Approved January 21, 2016

Board Members Present: Mr. Art Bjontegard, Mr. Frank Fusco, Mr. Joe “Rocky” Pearce, Chairman

Board Members Present via Telephone: Mr. Steve Heisler, and Mr. Audie Penn

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Phyllis Buie, Gwen Bynoe, Sarah Corbett, Georgia Gillens, Ariail Kirk, Heather Muller, Jacalin Shealy, Laura Smoak, Rob Tester, Travis Turner, Stephen Van Camp, and Heather Young from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Wayne Bell, Sam Griswold, and Wayne Pruitt from the State Retirees Association of South Carolina; Rex Gale, Brooks Goodman, Sarah Martin, Matt Shaffer, Dr. Shawn Stinson, and Bart Strickland from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina; Robin Scott and Traci Young from Express Scripts, Inc.; Mike Madalena and Eric St. Pierre from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (via telephone); Jonathan Barbrey from Novo Nordisk, Inc.; and Thompson Kinney 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. Frank Fusco made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Steve Heisler, and approved unanimously, to adopt the proposed Committee meeting agenda.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes- November 18, 2015

Mr. Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fusco, and approved unanimously, to approve the November 18, 2015, Committee meeting minutes.

IV. Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Sarah Corbett, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the strategic planning update, which included suggestions from Committee members on how to improve the State Health Plan (SHP). Discussions centered on whether the SHP should continue grandfathered status, or move towards developing a non-grandfathered plan. Committee members expressed their desire to design a SHP that is beneficial for members which includes wellness and health management initiatives. Staff agreed to work with consultants to determine the cost differences between maintaining a grandfathered status plan, developing a non-grandfathered plan, and various incremental options between the two plans.

Staff provided information to the Committee regarding plan design considerations; benefits that are currently covered under the grandfathered status; and additional preventive services that are not covered under the current grandfathered plan. It was noted in the materials that in order for the SHP to become a non-grandfathered plan, the SHP would have to be amended by the PEBA Board, approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), and funded by the General Assembly. It was also noted that the SHP changes would need to be approved by SFAA no later than August 15, 2016, for changes effective January 1, 2017.

Ms. Peggy Boykin, PEBA's Executive Director, advised the Committee that the 2016 House Ways and Means Healthcare Budget Subcommittee hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2016. Ms. Boykin stated that staff will provide the various plan design options at the January 21, 2016, Committee meeting, and the Committee can make plan design recommendations that will be presented to the Healthcare Budget Subcommittee in February. The Committee expressed its desire to include annual well visits in the materials for the Healthcare Budget Subcommittee and to articulate the Committee's long-term directional goal.

V. Biometric Screenings

Mr. Rob Tester, PEBA's Health Care Policy Director, introduced Ms. Sarah Martin and Dr. Shawn Stinson from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina (BCBSSC), to present an overview of the biometric data process. Ms. Martin reviewed the meaningful uses of biometric data for the SHP, and discussed progress in achieving connectivity with the Plan's biometric screening providers. Ms. Martin reviewed the increase in the number of biometric screenings from 2013 to 2015, and Ms. Boykin pointed out the collaborative communications produced by PEBA and BCBSSC that significantly impacted the increase.

VI. Old Business/Director's Report

Ms. Boykin stated that she did not have any additional information to report at the Committee level.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Fusco, which was seconded by Mr. Audie Penn, and approved unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.