

Meeting Minutes | Health Care Policy Committee

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

Minutes approved October 21, 2015

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

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Phyllis Buie, Sarah Corbett, Georgia Gillens, Denise Hunter, Ariail Kirk, Megan Lightle, Heather Muller, Justice Perkins, Jacalin Shealy, Laura Smoak, Rob Tester, Travis Turner, Stephen Van Camp, Justin Werner, and Heather Young from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Sam Griswold and Wayne Pruitt from the State Retirees Association of South Carolina; Carlton Washington from the South Carolina State Employees Association; Rex Gale, Brooks Goodman, Dr. Shawn Stinson, and Eric Walters from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina; Mike Madalena and Eric St. Pierre from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company; Andria Boshuizen, Robin Scott, Karen Russell, and Traci Young from Express Scripts, Inc.; Jennifer Hooks from Takeda Pharmaceutical Company; 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. Art Bjontegard made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Audie Penn, and approved unanimously, to adopt the proposed Committee meeting agenda.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes- June 17, 2015, June 29, 2015, and July 8, 2015

Mr. Steve Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Penn, and approved unanimously, to approve the June 17, 2015, June 29, 2015, and July 8, 2015, Committee meeting minutes.

IV. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Sarah Corbett, PEBA’s Chief Operating Officer, provided a progress report on each of the PEBA Board Strategic Plan-Staff Action Plans related to the Health Care Policy Committee, and confirmed that staff anticipates meeting the 2015 target completion dates.

Mr. Rob Tester, PEBA’s Health Care Policy Director, provided a new Health Care Quarterly Dashboard to the Committee. Mr. Tester explained that the Dashboard shows total State Health Plan (SHP) enrollment; financial analysis; the SHP highest major diagnostic medical categories;

the SHP highest cost pharmaceutical categories; and the SHP chronic conditions prevalence rates.

Following further discussion related to additional data that the Committee would like to see added to the Dashboard, Mr. Pearce thanked Mr. Tester for his report.

V. Express Scripts, Inc. Transition Update

Mr. Tester introduced Ms. Traci Young, Senior Account Executive, from Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) to the Committee. Mr. Tester stated that the new Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contract with ESI will begin January 1, 2016. Mr. Tester also introduced Ms. Andria Boshuizen, Senior Implementation Project Manager, Ms. Robin Scott, and Ms. Karen Russell, local account team representatives.

Ms. Young described the implementation process as a proven approach designed to be flexible, efficient, and proactive, that will be closely monitored to ensure a seamless transition. Ms. Young stated that ESI is working closely with Catamaran to ensure a positive member experience by obtaining open prior authorizations, claims history, and open refills. Ms. Young stated that welcome packets will be mailed to members during the middle of December. It was confirmed that the communication materials and membership cards will be co-branded with the ESI and PEBA Logos.

VI. Hospital Quality Information Update

Mr. Eric St. Pierre from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, discussed the hospital quality information initiative, and stated that there are various potential references for PEBA to consider providing to SHP members to help determine quality hospital care. Mr. St. Pierre reviewed several potential sources including: Blue Distinction Centers; Consumer Reports; Hospital Compare; The Leapfrog Group; and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Mr. St. Pierre reported that members can also research a hospital's readmission rate, and the volume of certain procedures to use as a guide to ascertain which hospitals may have the best care. Mr. St. Pierre advised that hospital quality cannot be based on one single source, but can be determined with a collection of credible resources that contain updated information.

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. Executive Session Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws § 30-4-70

1. Contractual matters related to PBM Contract

At 11:48 a.m., Mr. Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Penn, and approved unanimously, to recede into executive session to receive legal advice concerning contractual matters related to the Pharmacy Benefit Management contract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:00 p.m. It was noted that no action was taken while in executive session.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Frank Fusco, which was seconded by Mr. Heisler and approved unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.