

School Employees' Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: June 17, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2018.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at 50 West State St, in Trenton, NJ.

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 took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Committee Members:

David Pointer, Deputy Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Assistant Treasurer (Appearing Telephonically)

Julie Giordano Plotkin, NJEA

Kevin Kelleher, NJEA

Donna Chiera, AFT/AFL-CIO (Appearing Telephonically)

David Ridolfino, Director Office of Management and Budget

Also Present:

Mark Cipriano, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Christopher Meyer, Deputy Attorney General

Nomination & Election of New Chair

Committee Member Giordano Plotkin nominated Kevin Kelleher. Commissioner Ridolfino seconded the nomination; all voted in favor.

Commissioner Kelleher asked when this appoint would begin. DPB representative Cipriano advised the nomination starts in October.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kelleher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2019 and April 15, 2019. Commissioner Chiera seconded the motion, motion passed 5:1 (Commissioner Ridolfino Abstained from the March Meeting, as he was not present)

QUARTERLY REPORT PRESENTATION by PALADINA

Craig Peterson and Mackenzie Veboer (telephonic) of Paladina Health gave a presentation on Paladina Health. Mr. Peterson stated that at the end of the first quarter, Paladina had 1,833 total members which is an increase of 844 since last year that is equal to 85 percent improvement. He explained that 95 percent of the members have identified Paladina as their primary provider. He explained that using the promoter score Paladina had a ranking of 89 of the 148 responses.

Mr. Peterson noted the average age of the Paladina population is 36. He stated that 66 percent of the members have been identified as having at least 1 chronic condition; 39 percent have more than one chronic condition. Commissioner Kelleher stated the point of the program is to try to get the people with chronic conditions to enroll in the DCPMH plans in an effort to help them. Mr. Peterson identified the top conditions as hypertension, anxiety and hyperlipidemia.

Currently, there are two clinics, one in Clifton, and one in Hamilton. Mr. Peterson explained that Paladina is fairly consistent with the generic dispense rate (GDR). Currently, the GDR within Paladina is 87 percent. Commissioner Kelleher asked what the state overall percent is. Steve White of OptumRx stated GDR for the state is between 82 and 83 percent. Commissioner Kelleher asked if this excludes medications where there is a generic as well as name brand available. Mr. Peterson stated that Paladina offices generally stock generics.

Commissioner Ridolfino asked if Medicare eligible members were allowed to join, citing a slide that listed the over 65 population. Commissioner Giordano Plotkin stated the population would be over 65 but still working. Mrs. Veboer explained that Paladina is in the process of vetting with CMS, as they do not want to have to transition these members out, after they have created a relationship for years with the Paladina doctors.

QUARTERLY REPORTS PRESENTATION PALADINA by R-HEALTH

Mason Rainer of R-Health stated that R-Health was launched in 2016, significant enrollment numbers came in early 2017, and continue to grow through 2019. The goal is to provide health management, assisting members maintain their risk if not reduce the risk. Overall 77 percent of the population, which was in the high risk group has reduced or maintained their risk. One of the high risk categories is uncontrolled diabetes. In this category, 51 percent of those who joined the program had reduced their A1C from being uncontrolled to being controlled. He explained that it takes about two years to see the financial impact R-Health has had on the plans.

R-Health has also rolled out E-Consult platform which allow primary care physicians do preform virtual meetings with the members. He explained that RHealth has six locations: Cherry Hill, Ewing, Hamilton, Morristown, New Brunswick and Voorhees. The newest location, West Orange is scheduled to open in July, and Yardley PA is due to open in September.

Mr. Reiner explained the focus for R-Health currently is the integration of Behavioral Health. He explained that R-Health has a number of virtual mental and behavioral health resources, however they continue to explore innovative partners to enhance primary care.

Adjournment

Having no further matters to discuss, Committee Member Kelleher made a motion to adjourn, Committee Member Keyes-Maloney seconded the motion, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Ludwig
Acting Secretary SEHBP PDC