

School Employees' Health Benefits Commission  
Open Session Minutes  
July 12, 2023

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Commission filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The 2023 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 20, 2022, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2022. The annual meeting schedule was posted to the Division website on December 1, 2022.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, July 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Division of Taxation in Trenton, NJ.

The text of Resolution A (Closed Session) and Resolution B (Executive Session) were read in their entirety in the event that the Commission desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into Closed or Executive session.

Kelly Fields took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

**Board Members:**

**Kelly Fields, Secretary**  
**Sonia Rivera-Perez, Chair**  
**Julie Giordano-Plotkin**  
**Denise Graff Policastro**  
**Sarah Favinger**  
**Phillip Gennace**  
**Carl Tanksley**  
**Michael Maillaro**

**Also Present:**

**Kinjal Sanghani, HMS**  
**Tunde Capizzi, HMS**  
**Kathy, HMS**  
**Jon Pipas, Aon**  
**Joe Tappe, Aon**  
**Becky Searles, Aon**

**Interim Chair**

Commissioner Gennance nominated Sonia Rivera-Perez to Interim Chair. Commissioner Tanksley seconded. The commission voted in favor of the motion, and Sonia Rivera-Perez was named Interim Chair for the meeting.

**Aon Presentation:**

Jon Pipas, Becky Searles and Joe Tappe presented the 2024 rate renewal. The purpose of this projection is to project the cost of this plan year 2024 and determine how much premiums need to increase to cover those projected costs. Medical and prescription drug trends have both

increased. Mr. Tappe stated the Garden State Health Plan has the lowest premium on medical. For Medicare retirees, the premium is going down due to a decrease on medical.

Mr. Tappe stated that the following are cost drivers: medical claims PMPM, COVID-related utilization, outpatient utilization, emergency room visits, elective surgeries, professional services, ER services utilization, and inpatient utilization.

#### **HMS Presentation:**

Kinjal Sanghani spoke about case-specific custom features and medical intelligence with the demonstration. The medical intelligence includes clinical, claims review, and analytics; resulting in savings and recovery for the State. It's a self-serviced analytic application that stores three years of medical and pharmacy data for all of the TPAs. The application is used to identify high risk members needing immediate long-term care, member level condition, gaps in care, monitors wellness programs and vendors, tracks utilization, and manages costs.

Philip Gennace made a motion to adjourn. Sarah Favinger seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields  
Acting Secretary  
School Employees' Health Benefits Commission