

State Health Benefits Program  
Plan Design Committee  
Open Session Minutes  
March 27, 2024

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 2024 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 29, 2023. Updates regarding the telephonic meeting were sent to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. The meeting took place at the Department of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton.

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.

**Committee Members:**

Andrea Spalla, Chair  
John Megariotis  
Justin Zimmerman  
Kim Walker  
Kia King  
Tariq Shabazz  
Michael Zaynor  
Kevin Lyons  
Steve Tully  
Patrick Nowlan  
Jim MCasey  
David Krueger  
Kelly Fields, Secretary

**Also Present:**

There Williams  
Joyce Malerba  
Paul Sarti  
John Megariotis  
Alison Keating  
Debra Pelto  
Jon Pipas  
Joseph Tappe  
Nick West  
Becky Searles

Kia King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 20, 2023. Tariq Shabazz seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

**AON Mid-Year Report:**

Jon Pipas, Becky Searles, Joseph Tappe, and Nick West presented the mid-year report. Aon stated that the 2025 rates have been determined based on 2023.

**Reference Based Pricing/Centers of Excellent Pilot Program Update:**

Andrea Spalla presented this update. Ms. Spalla stated that we are continuing to work with the vendors to gather information responses to Labor's requests for further data to assist with the deliberations around the future center of excellence pilot program. The goal is to be in a position to vote on the first batch of responsive information soon.

**Super Conciliation Update:**

Andrea Spalla stated that there has been no further communications with the superconciliator since last month.

**Division Update:**

Kelly Fields stated that for the dental subgroup, Aetna sent AON the plan design impact. AON is working on putting together the comparison. For the RX subgroup, there will be an internal meeting with Dr. Dave and then the next RX subgroup meeting will be scheduled.

Patrick Nowlan made a motion to adjourn. Kevin Lyons seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields  
Acting Secretary  
State Health Benefits Plan Design  
Committee