



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



MINUTES

OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

1:30 PM

Louisiana Purchase Room

1201 North Third Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM.

a. Estimating Conference Roll Call

i. Mr. Sam Blount	Present
ii. Mr. Manfredo Dix	Present
iii. Ms. Stephanie Little	Present
iv. Ms. Connie Nelson	Absent
v. Mr. Robert Schneckenburger	Present – Late Arrival
vi. Ms. Mei Su	Present

b. Policy and Planning Board Roll Call (no quorum)

i. Sen. Louie Bernard	Absent
ii. Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Absent
iii. Rep. Chad Brown	Absent
iv. Dr. Gwile Freeman	Present
v. Mr. Jeremy Jackson	Absent
vi. Mr. Frank Jobert, Jr.	Present
vii. Mr. Kenneth Krefft	Present
viii. Mr. Frank Opelka	Absent
ix. Mr. Mike Saylor	Present
x. Sen. Kirk Talbot	Absent

While the Estimating Conference had a quorum, the OGB Policy and Planning Board did not and the Board members present took no action during this meeting.

c. ~~Guests in Attendance~~

i. Ms. Nancy Gaffney	BUCK Global, LLC
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II. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting

- a. For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Stephanie Little made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2023 joint meeting. Mr. Manfredo Dix seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Estimating Conference.

III. Public Comment



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- a. The following individuals provided public comment regarding the proposed premium rate increases for self-funded plans:
 - i. Mr. Dannie Garrett, Executive Counsel, Louisiana School Board Association ("LSBA"),
 - ii. Ms. Amanda Morales, Insurance Coordinator, Cameron Parish School Board (Ms. Morales spoke on behalf of Charley Lemons, Superintendent, Cameron Parish Schools) and
 - iii. Mr. Kevin Thompson, Executive Vice President, Taylor and Sons Insurance and Financial Services.
 - b. Mr. Jared Gibbs, Business Manager with the West Baton Rouge School Board, waived his right to comment.
- IV. Presentation of OGB's Plan Offerings
- a. Ms. Wendy Landry, Public Information Director for OGB, provided an overview of the fully-insured and self-funded health plans available to OGB plan members.
- V. 2024 Premium Rate Increases for Self-Funded Plans
- a. ~~Col. David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer for OGB, provided a historical look at the fluctuations in OGB's fund balance and the premium rates for self-funded plans.~~
 - b. Ms. Nancy Gaffney, an actuary with Buck Global, LLC, provided an overview of the proposed 2024 premium rate increase on a plan-by-plan basis. The scenarios ~~provided were based on the medical loss ratio and claims experience for each plan.~~ She also shared an overview of the current fund balance and provided projections through Fiscal Year End ("FYE") 2028 using scenarios which explained the need for fluctuating premium increases to maintain the target fund balance at the end of each fiscal year.
 - c. Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Administration, provided the history of OGB premium rates and fund balances and indicated that the introduction of the GAP Plan changed the original design of the Pelican HRA1000 Plan. He also provided clarification of the purpose of the fund balance ~~and how projections are used.~~
 - d. Ms. Su made a motion to forward the information to the Policy and Planning Board. Ms. Little seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. Acquisition of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana by Elevance Update
- a. Col. Couvillon provided an update on the acquisition of Blue Cross Blue Shield by ~~Elevance.~~
- VII. Procurement Matters – Contract Amendments
- a. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Amendment #2 Update



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- i. Ms. Molly Collier, attorney for OGB, provided an update on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Amendment #2.
- b. Access Health Incorporated Amendment #4 Update
 - i. Ms. Collier provided an update on the Access Health Incorporated (“AHI”) Amendment #4.
 - 1. Ms. Little asked if AHI is a consulting services contract. Ms. Collier replied in the affirmative.

VIII. New Business

- a. No new business was discussed.

IX. Motion and Vote to Move to Executive Session

- a. ~~For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Su made a motion to move to Executive Session. Ms. Little seconded the motion.~~

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sam Blount	Yes
Mr. Manfredo Dix	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Little	Yes
Mr. Robert Schneckenburger	Yes
Ms. Mei Su	Yes

The motion carried.

- b. No action was taken during Executive Session
- c. ~~For the Estimating Conference, a motion to end the Executive Session was made by Ms. Su. Ms. Little seconded the motion.~~

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sam Blount	Yes
Mr. Manfredo Dix	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Little	Yes
Mr. Robert Schneckenburger	Yes
Ms. Mei Su	Yes

The motion carried.

X. Adjournment

- a. ~~For the Estimating Conference, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Little. Ms. Su seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.~~
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Approved by Estimating Conference: _____

Date Approved: 10/15/23