



**DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority
Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Conference Call)
Monday, July 22, 2013
1:00-2:00pm
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001**

Members Present: Diane Lewis (Chair), Dr. Mohammad Akhter, Dr. Henry Aaron, Kate Sullivan Hare

Members Absent: Saul Levin, Wayne Turnage, William White, Kevin Lucia, Khalid Pitts, David Berns, Dr. Leighton Ku

I. Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Ms. Lewis.

II. Executive Director's Report

Mila Kofman

Ms. Kofman summarized the resolution to be considered by the Board at the meeting. During the last Board meeting, July 11, 2013, the Board heard a detailed presentation by Benaissance, our payment processing vendor, and Exchange staff on the use of credit and debit cards for payment of premium. Following that presentation, the Board engaged in extensive discussion on what the Authority's policy should be with respect to the use of credit and debit cards for the payment of premiums by individuals and small businesses. a number of the members of the Board expressed the view that individuals should be able to use credit and debit cards to pay premiums and that the Exchange should absorb the cost of the fees associated with the transactions, which they deemed minimal. With respect to accepting credit/debit cards from small businesses to pay premiums, there was concern that there is insufficient data available on which to make an informed decision. Fees for these transactions tend to be higher and there isn't data to estimate expected usage.

The following resolution was read:

INDIVIDUALS: DC Health Link will accept credit and debit card payments. Similar to merchants accepting credit and debit cards, consumers will not be charged fees by DC Health Link for using credit or debit payment for premiums.

SMALL BUSINESSES: Credit and debit card payments will not be accepted in 2014. In 2014, the Authority will reexamine this policy.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Vote

Policy for use of credit and debit cards for payment of premiums through DC Health Link.

A motion to approve the policy for use of credit and debit cards for payment of premiums through DC Health Link was made and seconded and a roll call vote of the Board members present was unanimous in favor of the resolution. Those voting in favor were: Ms. Lewis, Dr. Akhter, Ms. Sullivan Hare, and Dr. Aaron.

V. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Ms. Lewis noted that tomorrow, July 23, 2013 marks the first anniversary of the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority Executive Board's initial meeting.

A motion to move into closed executive session to discuss procurement issues was made and seconded and approved unanimously.