



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2013

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Via Teleconference

Members Present:

Dr. Mohammad Akhter (Chair), Dr. Henry Aaron, Khalid Pitts, Kate Sullivan Hare, Dr. Leighton Ku, Diane Lewis, Kevin Lucia

Members Absent:

Dr. Saul Levin, William White, David Berns, Wayne Turnage

Opening and General Updates:

Dr. Akhter welcomed everyone in attendance and took a roll call attendance. He indicated that the Board would be considering reports received from Working Groups where consensus recommendations had been achieved.

Individual Market Premium Collection Working Group

- Chaired by Dr. Aaron
- Dr. Aaron gave an overview of the Premium Collection Working Group's consensus development process, specifically mentioning the following subjects:
 - Payment options – three considered
 - Enrollment process
 - Business considerations
 - Costs for collection of premiums
- Dr. Aaron made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lewis.
- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Dr. Mohammad Akhter	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The [resolution](#) was adopted unanimously.

Issuer Certification Working Group

- Chaired by Kevin Lucia
- Mr. Lucia provided an overview of the Issuer Certification Working Group’s consensus development process, stating that the purpose is not to set the standard of evidence but to define the process for looking at the evidence. He recommended that the Board approve the Working Group’s recommendations submitted in the February 28, 2013 Certification Process Consensus Report, as corrected for the term “recertification” versus “certification” in the first paragraph.
- Mr. Lucia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dr. Ku.
- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Mohammad Akhter (Chair)	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The resolution adopting the [recommendations](#) of the Working Group was adopted unanimously.

Benefit Standardization Working Group

- Chaired by Kate Sullivan Hare
- Ms. Hare gave an overview of the Benefit Standardization Working Group’s consensus development process, specifically noting:
 - QHP issuers should be allowed to add benefits
 - QHP issuers must offer at least one bronze level plan
- Ms. Hare made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dr. Ku.
- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Dr. Mohammad Akhter	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The [resolution](#) was adopted unanimously.

Network Adequacy Working Group

- Chaired by Diane Lewis
- Ms. Lewis gave an overview of the Network Adequacy Working Group's consensus development process. The Working Group came up with a recommendation that incorporates a multi-year strategy:
 - Year one - requires the carriers attest to ACA requirements for network adequacy
 - Year two - collect data and simultaneously provide information regarding ACA network adequacy requirements, metrics that would be District of Columbia specific
 - Year three - that the Exchange would develop standards to address specifics of network adequacy
- Ms. Lewis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dr. Ku.
- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Dr. Mohammad Akhter	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The [resolution](#) adopting the [recommendations](#) of the Working Group was adopted unanimously.

Market Transition

- Mila Kofman, Executive Director
- Ms. Kofman gave an overview of the assignment given by the Executive Board on October 13, 2012 to prepare a transition plan to one large marketplace for the sale of individual and small group coverage to businesses with 50 or less employees. Ms. Kofman indicated that she was adopting the recommendations of the Standing Advisory Board. Those recommendations include 5 elements. The transition to one marketplace for 2014 should include:
 - individual coverage renews through the Exchange portal and newly insured will enroll through the Exchange marketplace
 - New entrants to the small group market will have the opportunity to buy coverage through the marketplace Exchange
 - Currently insured small businesses who wish to remain with their current carriers or change carriers can do that in 2014 outside of the web portal. In 2015 those groups will renew through the marketplace Exchange web portal
 - All plans sold outside of the marketplace Exchange during the two year transition period should be required to comply with all of the requirements of coverage sold through the Exchange
 - Larger size businesses (51-100 employees) will be part of the small group market. Not to be opined on at this time.
- Dr. Aaron made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lewis.
- A question was raised regarding grandfathered plans. Grandfathered plans are not impacted by anything done by the Exchange. A grandfathered plan as defined under the Affordable

Care Act states that if an individual or small employer had insurance in 2010, and no material changes have been made to that coverage, an individual is likely to have a grandfathered plan.

- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Dr. Mohammad Akhter	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The [resolution](#) was adopted unanimously.

The Alliance Program

Mila Kofman, Executive Director

Ms. Kofman gave an overview and update on the relevance of the DC Health Care Alliance as it relates to the Health Benefit Exchange.

- Some people will not be eligible for coverage sold through the Exchange
- Currently the DC Health Care Alliance provides coverage to District residents that have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; those residents who are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other third party health insurance coverage
- The resolution is that the Board recommends that the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) consider recommending to the Mayor and City Council that the eligibility rules for the DC Health Care Alliance be amended to allow people not eligible for coverage through the Exchange to enroll in the Alliance Coverage. To ensure affordability and achieve parity with coverage sold through the Exchange, DHCF should consider recommending to the Mayor and City Council no cost and sliding scale premiums, which would necessitate a commitment of city resources.
- Ms. Hare made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lewis.
- A roll-call vote was held with the results as follows:

	Yes	No
Dr. Henry Aaron	X	
Dr. Mohammad Akhter	X	
Kate Sullivan Hare	X	
Dr. Leighton Ku	X	
Diane Lewis	X	
Kevin Lucia	X	
Khalid Pitts	X	

The [resolution](#) was adopted unanimously.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.