



Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012

5:45pm – 6:45pm

899 North Capitol St., NE

Washington, DC 20002

Members Present:

Dr. Mohammad Akhter (Chair), Dr. Henry Aaron, David Berns, Kate Sullivan Hare, Dr. Leighton Ku, Dr. Saul Levin, Diane Lewis, Kevin Lucia, William White, Wayne Turnage, Khalid Pitts

Opening and General Updates:

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Akhter and attendance was taken by roll-call.
- Dr. Akhter welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

I. Approval of Minutes

- The Board reviewed the prepared minutes from the September 24, 2012 Executive Board Meeting.
- Minutes from the September 24, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were unanimously approved by the Board via voice vote.

II. Board Working Committee Reports

- Kate Sullivan-Hare - Marketing and Consumer Outreach
 1. Report is on record. No additional comments.
- Dr. Leighton Ku - IT Infrastructure and Eligibility
 1. Report is on record. No additional comments.
- Diane Lewis - Business and Operations
 1. The committee presented HBX Contracting and Procurement Policies and Procedures.
 - a) Motion seconded to adopt the Policies and Procedures.
 2. The committee gave an overview of the Standing Advisory Board.
 - a) The floor was opened to the public to submit nominees. The Board will vote next week if they have the appropriate amount of nominees.
- Kevin Lucia - Insurance Market:
 1. The committee gave an overview of the Insurance Market Recommendations.
 - a) Motion seconded to accept the report.

III. Review of Insurance Market Recommendations

1. Kevin Lucia explained Insurance Marketplace Recommendations
 - a) Health insurance plans that meet minimum requirements set forth by the ACA for qualified health plans (QHPs) as well as any additional requirements set forth by the DC HBX Authority (Authority) can be offered in the DC HBX Insurance Marketplace.
 - (1) Motion seconded to accept the Recommendation.
 - b) The DC HBX Insurance Marketplace should be the sole marketplace in the District of Columbia for the purchase of individual and small group health insurance plans.
 - (1) Kate Sullivan-Hare commented on the seriousness of the issue.
 - (2) Committee staff presented information to support both sides of the argument. Committee noted that they unanimously decided to make this recommendation.
 - (3) Motion seconded to accept the Recommendation.
 - c) The risk pools of the small group market and individual markets in the DC HBX Insurance Marketplace should be merged into one single risk pool.
 - (1) Kate Sullivan-Hare commented on her strong support of this Recommendation.
 - (2) Dr. Ku stated that the goal is to have a much simpler marketplace.
 - (3) Dr. Aaron commented on his support of the Recommendation.
 - (4) Motion seconded to accept the Recommendation.
 - d) Small group size in the District of Columbia should be defined as 2-100 as opposed to the current practice of 2-50.
 - (1) Khalid Pitts had questions on the definition of Small Group Size.
 - (2) Dr. Levin asked Commissioner White why the decision of 2-100 was chosen.
 - (3) Motion seconded to accept the Recommendation.
 - e) The District of Columbia should opt into the federally administered risk adjustment and reinsurance programs for the DC HBX insurance marketplace.
 - (1) Motion seconded to accept the Recommendation.
2. Dr. Akhter concluded with a statement as to why the recommendations came at this point in time and thanked the Insurance Committee for their hard work and due diligence.

IV. Kate Sullivan-Hare gave an overview of the efforts and goals of the Marketing and Communications Committee

- Overview of the Strategic Communication Plan presented by Dorinda White, *Chair of Health Reform Implementation (HRIC) Communications Subcommittee*
 1. Goals of the Strategic Communication Plan
 2. Key Stakeholder Groups
 3. Phases of the Plan
 4. Communication Strategies
 5. Underlying Assumptions
 6. Plan Evaluation
 7. Immediate Next Steps
 8. Conclusion

V. Upcoming Board Meeting Rescheduled

- Kate Sullivan-Hare motioned to have the Board Meeting scheduled for October 31st rescheduled due to it falling on Halloween.
- The Board approved the motion and will poll Members for an alternate date.

VI. Next Steps

- Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in room 407 at 899 N. Capitol Street NE at 5:30pm.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.