

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Health Benefit Exchange Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2012
5:00pm – 8:30pm
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Members Present:

Dr. Henry Aaron¹, Dr. Mohammad Akhter, David Berns, Kate Sullivan Hare, Dr. Leighton Ku, Dr. Saul Levin, Diane Lewis, Kevin Lucia, Khalid Pitts¹, Wayne Turnage, William White

Members Absent:

None

Chair:

Dr. Mohammad Akhter

Opening and General Updates:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mohammad Akhter, Chair. Dr. Akhter welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 7, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were approved by the Board.

Public Comment on Insurance Subcommittees Market Recommendations

The Board heard public testimony on the proposed Market Structure Recommendations developed by the Insurance Subcommittee. Nineteen individuals provided testimony on their view of the proposed recommendations. Several speakers also provided the Board with written comments. Board members engaged speakers with questions to clarify testimony presented. The Board will take all public testimony into consideration when issuing its final vote on the proposed recommendations in the upcoming weeks.

Presentation on Insurance Subcommittees Market Recommendations

Brendan Rose, DISB, provided via PowerPoint an overview of the Market Recommendations and addressed comments and questions that were brought up during public testimony. Commissioner William White provided those in attendance with an overview of deadlines that need to be met to have an operational Exchange and reiterated the need to expeditiously approve the recommendations.

Election of Board Vice-Chair and Secretary

The HBX Board nominated and unanimously voted to approve Dr. Henry Aaron as vice chair and Khalid Pitts as Secretary/Treasurer. District employees, including Shaunte Barker, Heather McCabe, Adam Levi,

¹ Present through teleconference

and Linda Wharton-Boyd, have been detailed to the HBX Board until permanent staff is hired by its Executive Director.

Board Committees Discussion

Dr. Mohammad Akhter stated that there will be four Standing Committees: 1) Operations and Administration; 2) Personnel and Compensation; 3) Finance and Audit; and 4) Public Policy and four Working Committees: 1) Operations; 2) Insurance Market; 3) IT and Eligibility; and 4) Marketing and Consumer Outreach. Committees will be chaired by members of the Board. Before the next Board meeting, the purpose and scope of each of these committees will be defined and potential members identified.

Update on Executive Director Search

Bonnie Norton, DHCF, presented an update on the Executive Director search. The position description was modified by the Department of Human Resources and these revisions were accepted by all Board members. Ms. Norton also provided the Board with details on the hiring process, and the Board decided to keep the position open for three weeks before reviewing resumes.

Update on Advisory Board Nominations

Bonnie Norton, DHCF provided an update on the Advisory Board nomination process. Resumes continue to come in for nominations. The Board, in one of its Working Committees, will review resumes and appoint members to the Advisory Board in the upcoming weeks.

Next Steps:

- Next Meeting Wednesday, September 5, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 8:30