



Health Benefit Exchange Authority Executive Board Meetingⁱ

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Date: February 26, 2025
Time: 5:31 PM
Location: Via Zoom/By Video or Conference Call Only
Meeting Link: <https://dchealthlink.zoom.us/join/20qDkpH9F4MCjqrYKbVFb4xbsNjwzJ>

Members Present: Henry Aaron, Leighton Ku, Diane Lewis, Gabriela Mossi, Khalid Pitts, Tamara Watkins, Commissioner Karima Woods

Members Absent: Wayne Turnage, Dr. Ayanna Bennett, Rachel Pierre

Executive Director Report

Mila Kofman, Executive Director

Oversight Hearing: On January 29, the DC Council Health Committee held our Performance Oversight Hearing. The witnesses were very positive, and we had lots of support. We emphasized the importance of Congress not taking away power premiums which was a theme for all three chambers.

Open Enrollment: We had another very successful open enrollment. We enrolled 24% more new customers than we did last year.

1095 Forms: We sent 1095 forms for residents covered in 2024 through the individual marketplace.

Medicaid Redeterminations: These are coming to a close at the end of the month.

HC4CC Wait List: We initiated a HC4CC wait list. The policy prioritizes DC residents and protects employers and employees currently enrolled. We currently have one employer on that wait list. The program covers 220 facilities and 1,919 people.

Federal Funding Freeze: On January 27, OMB issued a directive to federal agencies to freeze federal funding. 22 states including the DC AG filed a lawsuit in Rhode Island federal court seeking a temporary restraining order to stop the Administration from freezing federal payments. The Rhode Island federal judge issued the temporary restraining order. Federal funding was supposed to resume.

Executive Orders: The Trump Administration issued a series of Executive Orders (EOs). These are directional and do not change the laws that Congress has passed. The real impact will be what follows through rulemaking or sub-regulatory guidance.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Diane Lewis, Chair

It was moved by Dr. Aaron to approve the Draft Agenda and Draft November 19, 2024 Minutes en bloc. The motion passed with Dr. Aaron, Dr. Ku, Mr. Pitts, Ms. Mossi, and Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Watkins voting yes.

Executive Board Finance Committee Report

Henry Aaron, Chair

The Finance Committee met on November 7, 2024, November 12, 2024, January 14, 2025, and February 6, 2025, all three members were present at each meeting. The Finance Committee did not meet in December 2024 however the usual reports were shared via email. The Finance Committee approved full funding of the Operating Reserve in the amount \$28.16MM, and \$13MM was added to the Capital Reserve which was fully funded at \$25.66MM before end of FY2024. All matured investments will be kept from the Assessment and Reserve accounts in money market funds. The Finance Committee will report to the Board if there is an update in investments before the next Board meeting.

Dr. Aaron concluded the Finance Committee Report. There were no further questions.

Move to Executive Session

Diane Lewis, Chair

Closed Session pursuant to DC Official Code Sections 2-575(b)(4) and 31-3171.11 to discuss litigation and legal advice.

It was moved by Dr. Aaron and seconded by Dr. Ku to move into Closed Session. The motion passed with Dr. Aaron, Dr. Ku, Mr. Pitts, Ms. Mossi, Ms. Watkins, and Ms. Lewis voting yes.

Resumption of Public Session

Diane Lewis, Chair

The public meeting resumed at 7:06pm. There was no further business.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Diane Lewis, Chair

The meeting was adjourned as of 7:06 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025 at 5:30p.m.

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