



**Standing Advisory Board Meeting
Draft Minutes**

Date: Monday, November 8, 2021
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Via Zoom Video Conference

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Members Present: Rebecca Barson, Dave Chandra, Chris Gardiner, Claire McAndrew, Robert Metz,

Members Absent: Margarita Dilone, Jodi Kwarcianny, Dania Palanker

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I. **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Roll Call**, *Chris Gardiner, Chair*

A roll call confirmed a quorum with five (5) voting members present (Ms. Barson, Mr. Chandra, Mr. Gardiner, Ms. Kwarcianny, Ms. McAndrew, Mr. Metz, Ms. Palanker, and Dr. Winston).

II. **Approval of Draft Agenda**, *Chris Gardiner, Chair*

It was moved and seconded to adopt the draft agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. **Minutes**, *Chris Gardiner, Chair*

It was moved and seconded to adopt the draft minutes for May 6, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. **Executive Director Report**, *Mila Kofman, Executive Director*

Reminder that open enrollment started Nov. 1 for individual residents through Jan. 31. The federal government extended it to Jan. 15. We have 27 different plans for individuals in 2022, including two catastrophic plans. Six plans have lower premiums than 2021. For SHOP, we have 156 different health plans, and 36 have lower premiums for 2022 than for 2021.

The Mayor's premium arrears relief program (\$15 million program established to help residents and employers to pay for arrears – any premiums people could not pay during the PHE) was approved in summer. \$13.4 million has been issued in premium relief in the fiscal year. \$1.6 million remains – they could not be issued before the close of the fiscal year. Working on distributing the rest. One goal was to make sure people did not drop their health insurance coverage during the pandemic.

Build Back Better legislation: we have been working with other SBMs to provide data on benefits to SBM enrollees by the expansion of the ACA by ARP. We are advocating for extended APTC. We continue to advocate for extending special low rates for people on unemployment insurance – the program ends at the end of this year. The House version of the bill includes a Reinsurance fund (reminder that the ACA originally had a limited reinsurance fund).

The Standard Plans Working Group has been working to implement one of the key recommendations of the Social Justice and Health Disparities Working Group. The Board adopted consensus recommendations from SJWG. We are attempting to eliminate cost-barriers to care for people with conditions that disproportionately impact communities of color in DC. Standard Plans Working Group started with diabetes, which will go to the Executive Board for a vote. Their work will eliminate all cost sharing for diabetes - not just insulin, but also access to doctors, PCP visit, periodic lab work, eye exams, and foot exams all at no cost for the patient. Many thanks for everyone's efforts, including Mary Beth Senkewicz who led the work, and Dania Palanker who chaired the working group and who did great work on this. Also many thanks to Dave Chandra and Rob Metz for all for your help.

V. Discussion Item

a. Proposed HBX FY 2023 Budget Presentation – Mila Kofman, Executive Director

Ms. Kofman presented the staff-proposed [budget](#) for FY 2023.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment was proffered.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjourn, Chris Gardiner, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.