

**Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9:00 AM
Via Teleconference
Tallahassee, FL**

Board Members Present:

Alexis Bakofsky, Chair	John J. Matthews	Rick Wallace
Ken Stevenson, Vice Chair	Louisa McQueeney	Richard B. Weiss, CPA
Eric Johnson, PhD, ASA	Robert Muszynski	
Nathan Landsbaum	Seth M. Phelps	

Others Present:

- Jack McDermott, FHIAB Executive Director
- Anoush Brangaccio, General Counsel, Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR)

I. Call to Order

Alexis Bakofsky (Chief of Staff, Office of Insurance Regulation) as the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am indicating the meeting was properly noticed to the public in accordance with Florida Law.

II. Roll Call

Jack McDermott conducted a roll call of members, noting the presence of a quorum.

III. Antitrust Statement

Anoush Brangaccio was recognized to review the antitrust statement.

IV. Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair thanked the members for their attendance and appreciated the diverse expertise of Board members. She also noted the Board's unique perspectives will be valuable during the Board's review of legislative proposals later in the meeting. The Chair also welcomed the new executive director, Jack McDermott, to his first official Board meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes

The Chair presented the minutes from the Board's April 13, 2022, meeting and asked for questions or comments. The Chair accepted a motion from Seth Phelps to approve the minutes, seconded by Nathan Landsbaum. The minutes were approved without changes.

VI. Approval of 2020 Audits & 2021 Audit Engagement Letter

The Chair recognized Seth Phelps, Chair of the audit committee, for the audit committee's recommendation for the 2020 audits and 2021 audit engagement letter. Mr. Phelps asked for a motion to approve the 2020 audit reports and summary of audit findings, and accept the 2021 Purvis Gray engagement letter, and further instruct the executive director to execute the finalization of the 2020 audits and initiate the 2021 audit engagement. Ken Stevenson made a motion for approval that was seconded by Richard Weiss. The motion was approved.

VII. Executive Director's Report

The Chair recognized Jack McDermott to present the executive director's report. Mr. McDermott presented several administrative items including: 1) the financial statements as of December 31, 2021 and August 31, 2022, 2) a discussion of FHIAB documents from 1993-2006 in a storage facility and obtaining a legal review to create a retention schedule that may allow for the disposal of these documents, 3) research about obtaining a P.O. Box for FHIAB prior to the corporate assessments, 4) research about migrating the FHIAB website from OIR to a third-party host, and 5) a discussion/review of the FHIAB's Plan of Operations; additionally the executive director requested the Board review the current Plan of Operations and consider volunteering for an FHIAB Plan of Operations Re-Write Committee that will be formed after the next Board meeting.

VIII. Discussion of Legislative Proposals for 2023

The Chair moved to the next agenda item which included a presentation of eight legislative proposals. All eight proposals were submitted by board member Louisa McQueeney and she asked Louisa to present each item. Louisa presented the following eight proposals:

Proposal # 1: Deductible Health Credit Transfer

Proposal # 2: Provide Health Care Consumers with One Free Copy of their Own Medical Records

Proposal # 3: Protect Consumers from Prescription Drug Formulary Changes During a Policy Year

Proposal # 4: Cap the Cost of Insulin at \$35 a Month

Proposal # 5: Prohibit Balance Billing for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation

Proposal # 6: Include Applied Behavioral Analysis as a Covered Benefit in all Insurance Plans

Proposal # 7: Add Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to Include to the Definition of the Term Developmental Disabilities

Proposal # 8: Apply Payments by, or on Behalf of, a Beneficiary to Count Toward the Out-of-Pocket Cost Sharing Calculations

There was a discussion for Proposal # 2. Board member Eric Johnson asked about who would pay the cost for these medical records. Ms. McQueeney replied that it would be paid by the provider.

Mr. Johnson questioned the appropriateness of the FHIAB making a recommendation that could amend statutes relating to providers rather than amending the health insurance code. He asked that Ms. McQueeney provide more details as to how the adoption of this proposal would be incorporated into Florida Statutes. Ms. McQueeney agreed to provide additional information prior to the next meeting.

The Chair reemphasized that no votes on these items will be taken today and asked that additional information on any of these items be forwarded to the executive director prior to the next meeting. The Chair said the FHIAB will have another meeting in a month or two to finalize the Board's legislative recommendations.

IX. Other Business

The Chair asked if any Board member had “other business” or other items to be presented to the Board. Hearing none, she moved to the next agenda item.

X. Public Comment

The Chair asked if anyone from the public had comments about any of the items discussed during the Board meeting. There were 6 members of the public that provided comment:

Doreen Glenn (mother of son with expensive medication) – spoke in favor of Proposal # 8

Jeff Jones (insurance agent) – spoke to show appreciation of the FHIAB meeting

Stephanie Hanks (Manager for Policy & Research, AIDS Institute) – spoke in favor of Proposal # 8

Donna Sabatino, RN (State Policy & Advocacy Director, AIDS Institute) -- spoke in favor of Proposal # 8

Jennifer Werden (FASD Parent Advocate, The Florida Center for Early Childhood) - spoke in favor of Proposal #7

Christa Stephens (State Government Affairs Director, Autism Speaks) - spoke in favor of Proposal # 6

XI. Adjourn

The Chair thanked everyone who participated and provided public comment. Having completed the agenda, the Chair adjourned the meeting.


Alexis Bakofsky, Chair

12/20/22
Date