

FLORIDA HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD

Board of Directors Meeting

December 15, 2009

1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Senate Office Building, Room 401

Tallahassee, Florida

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Mary Beth Senkewicz (Acting Chair)	Michael Jackson	Tom Warring
Rick Wallace (by phone)	Maria Wells	Mark LaBorde
Joan Galletta	Walter Dartland	Leslie Dughi
Tamara Meyerson (by phone)	Randy Kammer	

Others Present:

Torre Grissom

I. Call to Order

On behalf of Commissioner McCarty, Deputy Commissioner Mary Beth Senkewicz assumed the Chair for the meeting, welcomed the members, requested a roll call, including affiliation of members, noted the presence of the quorum and called the meeting to order.

II. Antitrust Statement

The Chair directed the members to the antitrust statement.

III. Remarks by Chairman

The Chair welcomed members, introduced the new executive director of the Board, and discussed the agenda for the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 19, 2009 minutes. Following a motion to correct the attendance by Mr. Jackson, who noted his presence at the meeting, the Board approved a motion to approve the amended minutes with Ms. Kammer moving the motion and Mr. Warring seconding.

V. Approval of Executive Director as Fiduciary Signatory

A motion to approve Mr. Grissom as the fiduciary signatory of the Board accounts was introduced and the Board approved the motion which was moved by Ms. Dughi and seconded by Mr. Jackson.

VI. Executive Director's Report

a. Financial Statements

Mr. Grissom briefly reviewed the year-to-date unaudited financial statements for each Program for the period ending November 30, 2009. No exceptions were noted.

b. Operational Budget

Mr. Grissom briefly reviewed the budget-to-actual comparison through November 30, 2009. He noted that total expenditures were trending slightly below the target rate and that all items were under budget with no extraordinary items noted.

VII. Report on Cover Florida Program

Mr. Warring briefly discussed the implementation of the Cover Florida Program, reporting that 5,000 lives were covered at the end of October 2009, with further moderate growth expected.

VIII. 2010 Legislative Session Related to Health Insurance

The Board discussed potential health insurance issues and proposals that the Board consider in advance of the next legislative session. A list of prefiled legislative health-related bills was provided and briefly summarized by the Chair.

Ms. Kammer indicated an interest in greater protection for consumers against balance billing. The Chair noted that the NAIC has had an extensive public hearing on this matter and that it might warrant further discussion by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Jackson discussed recent reports related to pharmacy benefit managers and urged examination of their role in insurance marketplace.

Mr. Dartland proposed greater protections against insurers adjusting drug formularies in the midst of a contract period which would require consumers to change to a therapeutic alternative (referred to as a "drug-switching" requirement).

Mr. Dartland also recommended the Board endorse national efforts to increase coordination of anti-fraud initiatives.

The Board deferred any potential legislative proposals to a subsequent meeting.

IX. Update on Federal Health Care Reform

The Chair updated the Board on the progress of Federal health care reform initiatives, comparing the House bill as passed with the Senate bill under debate at the time. The Chair observed that the Senate bill's provisions were more likely to prevail should any legislation pass, but regardless of any timing of federal action, state legislative implementation would not occur until 2011 at the earliest, and more likely in 2012, given that most provisions would not be applicable until 2013-2014.

X. Other Business and Concluding Remarks

The Chair briefly updated the Board on progress of NAIC efforts to develop interstate health compacts and the effect of health care reform on those initiatives.

Mr. Dartland inquired into any sunset provisions that would be applicable to the Board.

The Chair indicated to the Board that she would brief the Commissioner on the matters that came before the Board, and a decision would be made concerning the timing of the next meeting, which would likely be affected by the course of federal health care reform the importance of any health insurance-related bills pending before the legislature.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Kevin M. McCarty, Chairman

Date