

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 26, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.
PERSONNEL CABINET, 501 HIGH STREET, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held on January 26, 2021, the following members were present via video teleconference: Reina Diaz-Dempsey as proxy for Gerina Whethers (Chair), Jason McGinnis as proxy for Laurie Dudgeon, Tommy Loving, Jonathan Grate as proxy for Mike Harmon, Tiffany Yeast as proxy for Jason Glass, Jill Mitchell as proxy for Sharon Clark, Troy Robinson as proxy for Holly Johnson, Brent McKim, Janet Allen, Jerry Powell (joined at 2:07pm), John Hicks, and Steve Gillespie. Staff members present were Sharron Burton, Jessie Drury, Bruce Cottew, Donna Marcum, Paula Chisholm, Chris Chamness, and Steeley Shacklette. Also present were Carl Felix, Margaret Cooper, Katherine Sigler, Eric Poston, Ellen Chesley, Allison Teasdale, Courtney Mangione, Connie Pettyjohn, Will Hancock, and Monte McCreary.

Vice Chairperson Mr. Tommy Loving called the virtual meeting to order.

Mr. Jessie Drury called roll.

Mr. Loving asked for a motion to accept the December 15, 2020, board minutes as read and approved.

The motion was made by Mr. McKim and seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Loving introduced agenda item *KEHP Update*. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey informed the Board members that the 2021 Board meeting schedule is finalized and she thanked them for their input for meeting topics. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey also shared updates relating to the WebMD transition and COVID-19 claims cost for the KEHP. Questions and discussion then followed.

Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *KEHP Enrollments and Claims Comparison*. Bruce Cottew, Healthcare Data Administrator for the KEHP, gave a historical trends report presentation relating to employee/member health insurance enrollment, enrollments by plan type, coverage by tier, premiums, program design, and medical/pharmacy utilization and claims trend. Questions and discussion then followed.

Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Rethink Benefits – Overview and Highlights*. Ellen Chesley, Rethink's Vice President of Account Services, presented a program overview with the Board. She shared experiences and feedback from Kentucky parents and teachers participation

and engagement statistics, Rethink’s COVID-19 response, product/content enhancements, and information on how to share the program with our members. Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. Jonathan Grate asked for a brief explanation on the WebMD portal issue that occurred on January 4, 2021. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey and Deputy Commissioner Sharron Burton explained the issue and stated that WebMD would provide a detailed explanation during their presentation at the next board meeting. Jonathan Grate also gave a congratulatory mention of the clean financial audit results performed by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

There being no further business, Mr. Loving asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. McKim. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held January 26, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Board on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 and the meeting protocols for boards and commissions during the COVID-19 State of Emergency as outlined in the March 16, 2020, memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet were met in conjunction with this meeting.



Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and Commissioner of the Kentucky Employees’ Health Plan, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on January 26, 2021, were approved on February 23, 2021.



Chairperson



Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the January 26, 2021, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.



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