

**KY MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M.
PERSONNEL CABINET, 501 HIGH STREET, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE AND IN-PERSON HYBRID MEETING**

At the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held on February 27, 2024, the following members were present: Secretary Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Tommy Loving, Shawn Boggs as proxy for Sharon Clark, Jason McGinnis as proxy for Katie Comstock, Nancy Haggerty as proxy for John Hicks, Tiffany Yeast as proxy for Robin Kinney, Connie Pettyjohn as proxy for Jerry Powell, Matt Frey as proxy for Allison Ball, Elizabeth Cunningham as proxy for Holly Johnson, and Brent McKim. Staff members present were Commissioner Chris Chamness, Jen Thompson, Paula Chisholm, Jessica Hetrick, Allison Lile, and Will Adams. Also, present were Carl Felix, Kristin Shramovich, Leah Locknane, Cristie Labus, and David Hume.

Tommy Loving called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Jennifer Thompson called roll.

Mr. Loving asked for a motion to accept the January 30, 2024, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Secretary Bailey and seconded by Brent McKim. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Loving introduced agenda item *Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) Update*. Commissioner Chamness welcomed Cristie Labus of Aon and updated the Board on the following items:

- RFP Update
 - The Pharmacy Benefit Manager RFP is scheduled to be closed on March 8 and scoring will begin thereafter.
 - The RFP for Third-Party Administrator services will be taking place soon.
- Wellness Fairs
 - The DEI will be holding a tour of wellness fairs soon, including the State Office Building event occurring in March.

- Legislation
 - Noted that there are several bills of concern that Will Adams would cover, but that DEI is hopeful that the housekeeping bill SB 261, which the Board had reviewed and approved in prior years, had a sponsor and would be moving forward for passage.

Will Adams, Plan Attorney, gave an update regarding the legislative session: he is following pending legislation that may impact KEHP, including SB 188 (PBM reform) and SB 261 (KEHP-supported clean-up bill).

Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Aon – Program Update*. in 2024. Cristie Labus presented current market trends and outlook, along with KEHP GLP-1 utilization and recent experience. There has been a surge in healthcare costs driven by a multitude of factors which is shifting healthcare from Broad-Based to Value-Led. GLP-1 prescriptions have greatly affected the overall primacy trend and combined claims trend.

Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. There being no further business, Mr. Loving asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Connie Pettyjohn and seconded by Ms. Yeast. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held February 27, 2024.

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 applicable requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.

Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on February 27, 2024, were approved on March 26, 2024.

Chairperson

Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the February 27, 2024, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.

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