

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 27, 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 April 27, 2021, the following members were present via video teleconference: Gerina Whethers (Chair), 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, Antonia Lindauer as proxy for Brent McKim, Janet Allen, Connie Pettyjohn as proxy for Jerry Powell, and Steve Gillespie. Staff members present were Reina Diaz-Dempsey, Sharron Burton, Jessie Drury, Bruce Cottew, Donna Marcum, Jennifer Thompson, Paula Chisholm, and Chris Chamness. Also present were Carl Felix, Eric Poston, Katherine Sigler, Margaret Cooper, Rob Graybill, Will Hancock, Jane Gilbert, Larry Totten, Eric Friedlander, and Julianne Gorda.

Secretary Whethers (Chairperson) called the virtual meeting to order.

Mr. Jessie Drury called roll.

Secretary Whethers asked for a motion to accept the March 23, 2021, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Mr. Loving and seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Whethers introduced agenda item *KEHP/Legislative Update*. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey gave an update on COVID-19 claims cost as of 4/20/21, KEHP member vaccination statistics (fully and partially), and wellness program engagement numbers through 4/22/21. She also shared that LivingWell Promise completions are trending lower than normal and asked for the Board's help with promoting the promise deadline and premium discount benefit to their memberships and groups. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey also shared details for the Invitational Step Challenge and open enrollment preparations. Lastly, Deputy Commissioner Sharron Burton detailed the financial impacts to the health plan resulting from the recent legislative session.

Secretary Whethers introduced the agenda item *CHFS COVID-19 Vaccination Update*. Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary, Eric Friedlander, presented details of the Commonwealth's plan regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. He shared that Kentucky's current goal is to administer 2.5 million COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccine distribution strategy includes both regional, high-capacity sites, local sites, and pop-up events to meet the differing needs of

Kentuckians. Secretary Friedlander also presented information detailing vaccine handling and use fragility, special refrigeration requirements, what members should bring to their appointments, and post-vaccination instructions. Lastly, he shared a list of available resources including vaccination locations, webpages, hotlines, and transportation resources.

Secretary Whethers introduced the agenda item *SmartShopper and Medical Expertise Guide (MEG) Update*. Rob Graybill and Margaret Cooper presented an overview of the Smartshopper program. They shared details on how the program works, net claims savings, member satisfaction, and key market trends. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business, Secretary Whethers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. loving and seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held April 27, 2021.

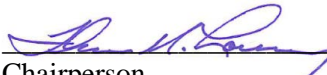
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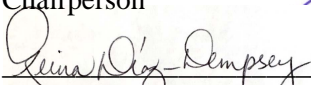
I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Board on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 and the meeting protocols for boards and commissions during the COVID-19 State of Emergency 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 April 27, were approved on May 25, 2021.



Chairperson


Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the April 27, 2021, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.



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