

# SC PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Health Care Policy Committee-MINUTES Adopted 6-18-14

202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia SC, Main Conference Room 2nd Floor

**Friday, June 6, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.**

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### **Health Care Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Joe “Rocky” Pearce, Chairman  
Mr. Steve Heisler  
Mr. Art Bjontegard  
Mrs. Stacy Kubu (via telephone)  
Mr. Audie Penn (via telephone)

### **Additional Board Members Present:**

Mr. Frank Fusco

### **Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:**

Dayle DeLong, Lil Hayes, Megan Lightle, Heather Muller, Laura Smoak, Travis Turner, Stephen Van Camp, from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Sam Griswold with the State Retirees Association of South Carolina; Brooks Goodman with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina; David Patterson with the South Carolina Budget and Control Board; Thompson Kinney with Mullikin Law Firm; and Katie Brennan from Catamaran.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman “Rocky” Pearce called the PEBA Health Care Policy Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Lil Hayes confirmed meeting notice compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Mr. Steve Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Audie Penn, and approved unanimously, to adopt the proposed Committee meeting agenda.

#### **3. ACA REQUIREMENT FOR NON-PERMANENT EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Penn, and approved unanimously, to amend the State Health Plan in 2015 to allow nonpermanent full-time employees to participant in the State Health Plan, with the provision that an employer can elect to obtain their own coverage for those nonpermanent full-time employees if they can obtain a more affordable private sector option.

#### **4. WELLNESS RESEARCH STRATEGIC TEAM (WeReST) REPORT**

Chairman Pearce read the Committee Mission Statement “To ensure a financially sustainable health program that improves member health, provides a positive member experience (outcomes: safety; satisfaction), and gives the participating employers a competitive, productively engaged workforce.”

Chairman Pearce welcomed Dr. David Patterson, Chief of Health and Demographics, with the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, to present the Wellness Research Strategic Team (WeReST) report. Dr. Patterson recognized additional members of the WeReST team who introduced themselves to the Committee.

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Dr. Patterson reviewed the WeReST team goal: “To establish at least one pilot project for plan year 2015 that focuses on improved health and lower costs. The team is to support meaningful projects with appropriate evaluation methods of health outcomes, cost, incentives, and engagement methods, with budget and resources clarified. “

Dr. Patterson detailed various points of consensus including:

- Pilots must be evidence based, preferably on a national model;
- Proposals must demonstrate a strong potential for the improvement of health outcomes while remaining at least revenue neutral;
- Scope includes all elements of patient engagement: wellness, care coordination, disease management, etc.;
- Pilots must include a thorough evaluation plan including the use of pre/post and/or comparison group designs, and where appropriate, process as well as outcome evaluation components; and
- Existing tools are available to support work in these areas, but are not broadly or deeply used and understood.

Dr. Patterson also discussed concerns and issues of the Committee related to evaluations of existing projects, timeframe, budget restrictions, and parameters.

Following additional discussions, Chairman Pearce thanked Dr. Patterson for his presentation.

### **5. REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARTER AND ALIGN WITH STRATEGIC GOALS**

The review of the Committee charter was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO SC CODE OF LAWS § 30-4-70 (a)(2)**

The Committee recessed into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:05 p.m. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.