

# SC PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Health Care Policy Committee – Minutes Adopted 7/16/14

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

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

Mr. Art Bjontegard

Mr. Audie Penn

Mr. Steve Heisler

Mrs. Stacy Kubu

### **Health Care Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Joe “Rocky” Pearce, Chairman

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

Mr. Frank Fusco

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

Kevin Crosby, Dayle Delong, Lil Hayes, Heather Muller, Laura Smoak, Travis Turner, and Stephen Van Camp from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA); Wayne Pruitt and Donald Tudor from the State Retirees Association of South Carolina; Brooks Goodman and Maria Platanis from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina; Jessica Johnston from the University of South Carolina; Will Kinney from Milliken Law Firm; and Katie Brennan from Catamaran.

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

Mr. Steve Heisler called the Health Care Policy Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Audie Penn moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Stacy Kubu seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **3. PEBA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Stephen Van Camp, General Counsel, provided the PEBA Legislative Update. Mr. Van Camp stated that Stonebridge Business Partners has agreed to complete the independent audit of Catamaran by September 1, 2014. It was noted that the Committee would like to review the audit at the August 20, 2014, PEBA Board meeting before a final copy is delivered to the required General Assembly members.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- MAY 12, 2014 AND JUNE 6, 2014**

Mr. Heisler asked for amendments to the May 12, 2014, and June 6, 2014, Committee meeting minutes. There being no amendments, Mr. Penn made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kubu, and passed unanimously, to approve the May 12, 2014, Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Penn also made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kubu, and passed unanimously, to approve the June 6, 2014, Committee meeting minutes.

#### **5. WELLNESS RESEARCH STRATEGY TEAM UPDATE**

Ms. Dayle Delong and Ms. Laura Smoak provided a Wellness Research Strategy Team (WeReST) update. Ms. Delong reminded the Committee that the goal of WeReST is to establish at least one pilot project for plan year 2015 that focuses on improved health and lower cost. Ms.

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Delong stated that WeReST studied the University of South Carolina (USC) wellness proposal which focused on engagement; risk assessment; intervention, and evaluation. Ms. Delong advised the Committee that after reviewing the USC model, PEBA would like to create a wellness program that could be implemented across all employer groups. Ms. Delong stated that the pilot group would be limited to employees of state agencies and higher education institutions, and would assist USC with several components of the Gamecocks LiveWell Program.

Ms. Delong detailed the WeReST strategy for 2015 including:

- Gathering information about the current health of subscribers through workplace screenings and personal health assessment (PHA);
- Conducting risk assessments of participants;
- Identifying and engaging participants in disease management programs;
- Tracking outcomes over time; and
- Utilizing findings to meet the needs of subscribers.

Ms. Delong provided four WeReST initiatives including:

- Offering an employee incentive for participation in the workplace screening and the online PHA;
- Increasing employer participation in PEBA sponsored workplace screenings;
- Increasing awareness and participation in the existing wellness incentive (copay waiver) program; and
- Utilizing data from workplace screenings and PHA to identify subscribers for participation in disease management programs, and opportunities for future wellness programs for all State Health Plan members.

Ms. Smoak reviewed WeReST actionable items including:

- Reviewing waiver option for release of workplace screenings data;
- Developing criteria for agency participation;
- Researching incentive structure and tax implications;
- Reviewing timing of the rollout of a new PHA; and
- Determining cost associated with adding A<sub>1</sub>C testing to the workplace screening.

Mr. Brooks Goodman and Ms. Maria Platanis with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, provided additional proposals for 2015 including:

- Additional birth outcomes initiatives;
- Establishing a Behavioral Health Disease Management Program;
- Readmissions initiatives;
- Expansion of Oncology Pathways;
- Expansion of Beating the Blues Program; and
- Expansion of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PXMH) Program.

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**6. COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW**

After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to further review the Committee Charter, and will have a final Committee Charter ready to approve at the July 16, 2014 PEBA board meeting.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Turner thanked everyone on the Wellness Research Strategy Team for their hard work.

**8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Penn, which was seconded by Ms. Kubu, and passed unanimously, the Committee meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.