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MINUTES

POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Aubrey Temple, chairman, called the meeting of the Policy and Planning Board to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Mr. Russell Culotta
Mr. Scott Kipper
Mr. Charles Lazare
Mr. James Lee
Mr. Hubert Lincecum
Rep. Tank Powell
Mr. Rick Ramsey
Mr. William Quinlan
Mr. Aubrey Temple

Members Absent

Dr. Merline Broussard
Mr. Buford Huckleberry
Mr. Mark Brown
Sen. James David Cain
Mr. Jimmy LeBlanc
Dr. Stan Mays
Mr. Jackie Self

Roll call indicated nine board members present, representing a quorum.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2007 BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the July 30, 2007 meeting were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the minutes as presented. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

UPDATE ON ACT 479 LITIGATION

Mr. Teague provided the Board with an update on Act 479 litigation. He stated that additional testimony will be heard on September 24 and 25, 2007. The court has been advised that if OGB is to hold an open enrollment, a ruling will be needed by October 1, 2007.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INITIATIVE

Mr. Teague presented information regarding the development of a statewide Employee Assistance Program for all Civil Service employees.

UPDATE ON INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH DHH TO ADMINISTER LACHIP 5 PROGRAM & OTHERS

Mr. Teague reported on the progress of a cooperative endeavor with DHH to administer the expanded program of offering health coverage to children whose parents' incomes are between 200 and 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

CEO REPORT – OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Teague reviewed the operational reports which indicated the fund balance at August 31, 2007, was \$121,649,993. Mr. Teague noted that OGB's new data warehouse allows us to do more in-depth analyses. A demonstration will be set up at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Teague reported that since July 1, 2006, OGB has received approximately \$14.3 million dollars from the federal government for the Medicare D subsidies for the retirees with Medicare.

Mr. Teague reported on the provider issues in the Lake Charles area. He stated that OGB has persuaded the Children's Clinic to remain in the PPO network and also that OGB will be meeting later in the month with a large radiology group to discuss remaining in the network. He also stated that

the anesthesiologists in the Lake Charles area still refuse to contract with OGB and/or any managed care networks, so no resolution has been found for this contracting services group.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the MOU for Definity was signed by all parties and accepted as per the terms. At the previous meeting Mr. Quinlan requested that our actuarial firm determine if the continuance of the Definity program resulted in adverse selection to the OGB which could result in increased costs for its membership. Mr. Teague confirmed that there was no adverse risk at this time to OGB by allowing Definity to continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lincecum stated that agencies are requesting to have the Board minutes posted on the website as soon as possible. After discussion it was decided that the Board meeting minutes can be posed in draft form on the OGB website.

The chairman set the date for the next board meeting for Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Frank Jobert representing the Retired State Employees Association spoke on the following issues:

- Retiree Health Insurance Premiums
- OGB Drug Formulary
 - Drugs not covered by OGB
 - Generic Drugs
- Anesthesiologists in Lake Charles

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Lincecum, to adjourn. With no opposition, the motion was unanimously adopted.


Mr. Aubrey Temple, Chairman