



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

1:30 PM

Thomas Jefferson Room C (1-136 C)

1201 N. Third St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call

Agnes Andrews Absent	Frank Jobert Present
Sen. Louie Bernard Present	Kenneth Krefft Present
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. Present	Tony Murray Present
Rep. Chad Brown Present	Sen. Kirk Talbot Present
Deborah Copeland Absent	Vacant
Jeremy Jackson Present	
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2020 Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Frank Jobert. Motion seconded by Tony Murray. Minutes approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
 - a. A.J. Herbert III asked to defer public comments until later in the meeting. That request was denied. Mr. Herbert spoke in favor of CVS winning the PBM contract instead of awarding an emergency contract to the competitor. He stated that that was not how the procurement process worked. He stated that CVS was selected as the winning bidder of the contract, yet OGB was ready to recommend awarding an emergency contract to the competitor who did not win the bid.
 - b. Samantha Brown stated that MedImpact recognizes this process has been different. MedImpact offered to meet CVS pricing and that MedImpact actually beat CVS' pricing She then stated that MedImpact continues to work with OGB so there will be no interruption to services for members.
 - i. Kenneth Krefft stated that OGB's actuaries came up with the \$9.5M and asked if MedImpact would stand behind it for 2021 only.
 1. Ms. Brown answered yes.
 - ii. Sen. Kirk Talbot asked if there was anything that was improperly done; for example, posted pricing on the internet?
 1. Tameika Henry answered there was an error.
 - iii. Sen. Talbot asked if CVS made a counter offer of \$9.5M?
 1. Mr. Herbert answered that Caremark was not given the opportunity and it would have if given the opportunity.
- IV. Recommendation for Award of Emergency Pharmacy Benefits Manager Contract
 - a. Tameika Henry reviewed the details of the emergency PBM contract.
 - i. Sen. Talbot asked if there was an actuary present and if the language of the contract addressed financial guarantees.

1. Ms. Henry read the performance guarantees from the proposed contract.
- ii. Mr. Murray asked if they were the same as projected?
 1. Molly Collier answered yes.
 2. Randy Davis added that they can go up.
- iii. Sen. Bernard asked if the procurement process needed to be changed or altered? Are OSP's processes broken?
 1. Mark Falcon responded that OGB complied with the process and it was lawful and appropriate.
- iv. Mr. Murray stated that his original vote from the September 9 meeting was based on not having all the information. He received more information from the JLCB meeting than from the Estimating Conference.
- v. Mr. Krefft asked if the Independent Pharmacists would be unhappy with this proposed contract.
 1. Randal Johnson, representing the Independent Pharmacists, answered that they were comfortable with MedImpact but that there was still work to do. The Independent Pharmacists were pleased that members can continue to see their pharmacist of choice.
- vi. Mr. Krefft asked how this would impact the annual enrollment period.
 1. Wendy Landry replied it would not impact annual enrollment.
- vii. Mr. Krefft asked A.J. Herbert if Caremark would protest.
 1. Mr. Herbert answered he was not prepared to answer that question.
- viii. Frank Jobert stated that he had received several inquiries from retirees who were concerned about CVS because they thought it meant they could only use CVS pharmacies or mail order services. All were worried about costs and wanted to continue to use their Independent Pharmacist. From what he understands, MedImpact is addressing all of those concerns and that he would motion to approve awarding the emergency contract to MedImpact for one year.
- ix. Rep. Chad Brown commented that all constituents he had spoken to were concerned about the same issues mentioned by Mr. Jobert.
 - b. Mr. Jobert made a motion to recommend awarding the emergency PBM contract to MedImpact. Sen. Joseph Bouie seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

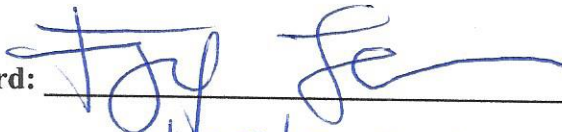
V. New Business

- a. No new business.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Jeremy Jackson. Motion seconded by Mr. Jobert. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Approved by Board: _____



Date Approved: _____

2/25/2021