



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Friday, August 27, 2021

1:00 PM

**1201 North Third Street,
Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM
 - a. Roll Call

Sen. Louie Bernard	Present
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Absent
Rep. Chad Brown	Absent
Deborah Copeland	Present
Jeremy Jackson	Present
Frank Jobert, Jr.	Present
Kenneth Krefft	Present
Tony Murray	Present
Frank Opelka	Absent
Mike Saylor	Present
Sen. Kirk Talbot	Present – late arrival

- II. Oaths of Office
 - a. The Policy and Planning Board members present completed their Oaths of Office.

- III. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021 Meeting
 - a. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Sen. Louie Bernard, Jr. and seconded by Mike Saylor. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

- IV. Public Comment
 - a. There were no public comments.

- V. Financial Projections
 - a. Colonel David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer of OGB, provided the financial projections for FY 2022 – FY 2025. The projections included all health plans with the following underlying assumptions considered:
 - i. Annual Expenditure Trends,

- ii. Self-funded Medical and Rx Drug Administrative Fees,
- iii. January 1, 2022 Rebate Levels Based on the Original RFP Award,
- iv. New Access Health Agreement,
- v. The Impact of COVID-19 on Self-funded Health Plan Expenditures,
- vi. Federal Surprise Billing Mandate and
- vii. SB 150/Act 388 Bariatric Surgery Benefits.

VI. 2022 Premium Rates

- a. Colonel Couvillon discussed the premium rates for Plan Year 2022.
 - i. Col. Couvillon provided that OGB self-funded plans will see a 5% premium rate increase effective January 1, 2022.
 - ii. Colonel Couvillon also advised that, effective January 1, 2022, there will be a 10% premium rate increase for the Fully Insured Vantage Medical Home HMO Plan (MHHP).

VII. Procurement Update

- a. Tameika Henry, Group Benefits Director, provided updates for the FSA-COBRA Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Emergency Solicitation for Offers (SFO). The FSA-COBRA RFP was awarded to Data Path Administrative Services. The PBM SFO is currently in the blackout period.
 - i. Tony Murray had questions about the PBM SFO and was advised by Ms. Henry that the procurement process was in the blackout period. Mr. Murray asked for a vote to enter into an Executive Session. Margaret Collier stated that an Executive Session was not on the agenda.

VIII. Contract Amendments

- a. Ms. Henry provided an update for the following contract amendments:
 - i. Vantage MHHP (Commercial)
 - ii. Vantage MAPD
 - iii. Humana Health Benefits Plan
 - iv. Peoples Health
- b. Ms. Henry stated that OGB is exercising the one-time option to extend each of these contracts for a 24-month period. Additionally, the amendments provide premium rates updates for calendar year 2022, increase the maximum payable amount of the contracts, and update provisions of the contracts.

IX. Annual Enrollment


- a. Colonel Couvillon provided an overview of the upcoming OGB Annual Enrollment period. Plan information for 2022 will be available to OGB members via the Annual Enrollment Guide, the annual enrollment website, and OGB's YouTube Channel as well as virtual and in-person meetings.
- b. Wendy Landry, Public Information Director for OGB, added that the timeline for Annual Enrollment is October 1, 2021- November 15, 2021. She reiterated that virtual and in-person meetings will be provided during this year's Annual Enrollment period.

X. New Business

- a. Colonel Couvillon requested a Motion to provide the information discussed in the meeting to JLCB. Sen. Kirk Talbot made the Motion to recommend the information discussed in the meeting to JLCB. The Motion was seconded by Frank Jobert, Jr. and was approved unanimously.
- b. Mr. Murray asked to have all materials and agendas submitted to the Estimating Conference Committee and to the Policy and Planning Board in advance to allow for review of materials and to add items to the agenda as needed.

XI. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Saylor. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Approved by Policy and Planning Board: 

Date Approved: 10/6/21