



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION  
**OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS**



**OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**9:00AM**

**Louisiana Purchase Room (1-100)**

**1201 North Third Street**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

A. Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes from the October 6, 2021 Meeting

A. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Senator Talbot and seconded by Mike Saylor. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

A. Bret Schnadelbach – Chief Financial Officer for Tangipahoa Parish School System.

Mr. Schnadelbach expressed dissatisfaction with the creation of the School Board Classification and the Pelican HRA1000 Plan premium rate increase for active employees in the School Board Classification.

IV. Contracts

A. DataPath Administrative Services – Flexible Spending Account (“FSA”) and COBRA Contract.

1. Colonel David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer of OGB, informed the Board that after a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), the Contract was awarded to DataPath Administrative Services. The Contract will be effective January 1, 2022 for a term of three (3) years and may be extended for an additional 24 months at the same pricing, terms, and conditions.
2. Col. Couvillon also provided that the maximum payable amount for the Contract is \$1,130,000.00.

B. Express Scripts, Inc. – PBM Emergency Contract.

1. Col. Couvillon stated that, after the Solicitations for Offers (“SFO”) process, the Emergency Contract for the Pharmacy Benefits Manager (“PBM”) services was awarded to Express Scripts, Incorporated (“ESI”). The Contract will be effective January 1, 2022 with a term of one (1) year.
2. Col. Couvillon provided that the maximum payable amount of the Contract is \$602 million but this number does not include \$191 million in projected rebates. OGB also anticipates receiving an additional \$9,900,000.00 in savings. The projected total net cost to OGB, after receiving rebates and savings, is \$400.5 million. Col. Couvillon reiterated that the figures provided are based on projections from OGB’s actuary and are dependent on member utilization throughout the year.
  - a. Mr. Murray asked if a clause providing that OGB was not eligible for rebates due to its plan design in the current PBM Contract with MedImpact had been removed from the PBM Emergency Contract with Express Scripts, Inc.
    - i. Col. Couvillon and Tameika Henry, Group Benefits Director, provided that the Contract with Express Scripts, Inc. specifically states, in Section 10, that OGB’s plan design qualifies for all network pricing and minimum guarantees.
  - b. Kenneth Krefft asked for the status of the RFP in the judicial review process.
    - i. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Administration, informed the Board that the RFP is currently in the appeal process.
  - c. Mr. Saylor asked if Express Scripts, Inc. will use the rebate aggregator as was used by MedImpact and will OGB have the option to audit rebates.
    - i. Ms. Henry provided that there are provisions in the Emergency Contract that will allow OGB to perform audits.
  - d. Mr. Murray made the motion to make the recommendation to JLCB to accept the Contracts as presented with the condition that if there are changes before the contracts are signed, those changes will be brought to the Board’s attention. The motion was seconded by Mr. Opelka. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. New Business

- A. Mr. Murray requested to have the OGB actuary review plans with the new enrollments.
  1. Col. Couvillon stated that the actuary will review the plans for 2023 premiums.
- B. Mr. Krefft asked for an OGB Annual Enrollment update.
  1. Col. Couvillon stated that annual enrollment meetings are ongoing. There has been success with the online videos and in-person meetings.
- C. The final Board meeting for 2021 will be confirmed and the date and time will be shared with the members of the Board.

VI. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Sen. Talbot. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Approved by Policy and Planning Board: Jerry R. Jernigan

Date Approved: 2/24/2022