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AGENDA
OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD combined with OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE
Thursday, December 4, 2025
1:30 PM
Thomas Jefferson Room C (1-136C)
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order
  a. Estimating Conference Roll Call
    i. Mr. Sam Blount — Present
    ii. Mr. Alan Boxberger — Present
    iii. Mr. Manfredo Dix — Present
    iv. Mr. Chas Nichols — Present
    v. Mr. Brett Robinson — Present
    vi. Mr. Robert Schneckenberger — Present
  b. Policy and Planning Board Roll Call
    i. Ms. Emily Andrews — Present
    ii. Sen. Adam Bass — Present
    iii. Rep. Kim Carver — Absent
    iv. Dr. Gwile Freeman — Present
    v. Mr. Dannie Garrett III — Present
    vi. Mr. Frank Jobert — Present
    vii. Mr. Frank Opelka — Present
    viii. Sen. Edward J. "Ed" Price — Present
    ix. Mr. Mike Saylor — Absent
    x. Sen. Jeremy Stine — Absent

II. Appointment to Estimating Conference – Alan Boxberger
  a. Ms. Angela McCulloch, an attorney with the Office of General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Alan Boxberger.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2025 Estimating Conference Meeting
  a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Chas Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2025 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Manfredo Dix seconded the motion. The Estimating Conference approved the motion unanimously.

b. The board was unable to approve due to the lack of a quorum.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2025 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting

a. Ms. Emily Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2025 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting. Dr. Gwile Freeman seconded the motion. The Policy and Planning Board approved the motion unanimously.

V. Public Comment – No public comments.

VI. CaremarkPCS Health, LLC (CVS Caremark) Emergency Contract Amendment No. 2

a. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for OGB, Heath Williams explained this Amendment was an anticipated technical adjustment to the Contract amount. The adjustment does not alter the administrative fee, which is the only amount Caremark is permitted to retain under the Contract. The additional amount is so OGB will be able to pay prescription claims. The Estimating Conference principals and Policy & Planning Board members discussed the amendment and asked questions.

i. For the Policy and Planning Board, Mr. Dannie Garrett made a motion to recommend the contract amendment. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Procurement Matters – Amendments to Emergency Contracts for 2026

a. Mr. Williams discussed the risk adjustments that Medicare Advantage plans across the country are seeing right now and how the rates are increasing even as the number of providers decreases. The premium rates for these plans depend on each company and the providers in the various regions. The Estimating Conference principals and Policy & Planning Board members discussed the amendments and asked questions.

i. New Orleans Regional Physician Hospital Organization, LLC, d/b/a Peoples Health Emergency Contract Amendment No. 2

1. For the Policy & Planning Board, Mr. Garrett made a motion to recommend the contract amendment. Sen. Ed Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Humana Health Plan of Louisiana, Inc. Emergency Contract Amendment No. 2

1. For the Policy & Planning Board, Mr. Garrett made a motion to recommend the contract amendment. Sen. Ed Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. HMO Louisiana, Inc. Emergency Contract Amendment No. 3

1. For the Policy & Planning Board, Mr. Garrett made a motion to recommend the contract amendment. Sen. Ed Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Motion and Vote to Move to Executive Session--La. R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iii) Statement:

a. The Executive Session is necessary for discussions, as contemplated by LA R.S. 39:1595(B)(7), and review with respect to the proposed contract for the Individual Market Medicare Exchange Health Reimbursement Account for 2026-2028.

i. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Dix made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

1. Roll Call Vote:

a) Mr. Sam Blount Yes
b) Mr. Alan Boxberger Yes
c) Mr. Manfredo Dix Yes
d) Mr. Chas Nichols Yes
e) Mr. Brett Robinson Yes
f) Mr. Robert Schneckenberger Yes

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ii. For the Policy & Planning Board, Mr. Garrett made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion.

1. Roll Call Vote:

a) Ms. Emily Andrews Yes
b) Sen. Adam Bass Yes
c) Dr. Gwile Freeman Yes
d) Mr. Dannie Garrett III Yes
e) Mr. Frank Jobert Yes
f) Mr. Frank Opelka Yes
g) Sen. Edward J. "Ed" Price Yes

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

iii. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

b. Motion and Vote to end Executive Session

i. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Nichols made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Mr. Sam Blount seconded the motion.

1. Roll Call Vote:

a) Mr. Sam Blount Yes
b) Mr. Alan Boxberger Yes
c) Mr. Manfredo Dix Yes
d) Mr. Chas Nichols Yes
e) Mr. Brett Robinson Yes
f) Mr. Robert Schneckenberger Yes

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ii. For the Policy & Planning Board, Sen. Ed Price made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Sen. Adam Bass seconded the motion.

2. Roll Call Vote:

a) Ms. Emily Andrews Yes
b) Sen. Adam Bass Yes
c) Dr. Gwile Freeman Yes
d) Mr. Dannie Garrett III Yes
e) Mr. Frank Jobert Yes
f) Mr. Frank Opelka Yes
g) Sen. Edward J. "Ed" Price Yes

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

IX. Procurement Matters – Contract Recommendation for Individual Market Medicare Exchange Broker with Administrative Services for Health Reimbursement Arrangement

a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Nichols made a motion to forward the Contract to the Board. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. For the Policy & Planning Board, Dr. Freeman made a motion to recommend the Contract. Sen. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. New Business

a. None

XI. Adjournment

a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. For the Policy & Planning Board, Mr. Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Estimating Conference: ____________

Date Approved: 8/11/24

Approved by Policy & Planning Board: ____________

Date Approved: 8/11/26