

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH REDESIGN CENTER AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
TEAMS CONFERENCE CALL  
10:00AM-10:30AM

**Meeting Minutes of Public Session**

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Zegiestowsky called the meeting to order and took roll for the meeting. There were no members of the Public present.

**Board Introductions:**

Commonwealth Representatives:

1. Muneeza Iqbal, Public Health Advisor, (DOH)
2. Caolinn Martin, Deputy Policy Director at PID

Commonwealth's Absentees:

1. Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services (DHS)

Payer Representatives:

1. Mike Sweeney, VP, UPMC Health Plan
2. Megan Richards, Senior Project Manager, Aetna
3. Dr. John Bulger, CMO, Geisinger
4. Doug Doyle, Vice President of Provider Network, Highmark Wholecare (Board Chair)
5. Kayvin Robinson, Director of Provider Contracts and Value Based Programs, Highmark
6. Raymond Prushnok, AVP Social Impact, UPMC Health Plan

Payer's Absentees:

7. Sarah MacDerment, Actuarial Director, Geisinger

Hospital Representatives:

1. Sara Adornato, CEO, Barnes-Kasson County Hospital
2. James Pettinato, Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Memorial Hospital
3. John Lewis, CEO, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital
4. Tammy Anderer, CAO, Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital
5. Kate Slatt, Vice President of Innovative Payment and Care Delivery, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
6. Loren Stone, CEO, Endless Mountains Health Systems

Hospital Representatives-Absentees

1. Jack Sisk, CEO, Punxsutawney Area Hospital

National Recognized Experts:

1. Donna Kinzer, Global Budget Expert, DK Healthcare Consulting
2. Brock Slabach, Chief Operations Officer - National Rural Health Association

National Recognized Experts-Absentees

- N/A

Public Attendees:

- No public attendees joined the meeting.

**Department Staff**

1. Gary Zegiestowsky, ED, RHRCA
2. Janice Walters, COO, RHRCA
3. Gerry Egan – RHRCA Grant Fiscal Manager/Accountant
4. Angie Slemok, Executive Assistant, RHRCA (notetaker)

**Members of the Public:**

- N/A

**Opening Remarks-** by Mr. Zegiestowsky:

- Mr. Zegiestowsky took roll for the meeting that was held on TEAMS. An Executive Session meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

**November 2022, Board Minutes Approval-**by Mr. Zegiestowsky:

- Mr. Zegiestowsky asked for Board members to review the minutes sent out to see if they had any edits or questions.

*Ms. Kinzer motioned for the approval of the minutes and Mr. Slabach seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

- Mr. Zegiestowsky then moved the agenda forward to discuss the RHRCA Audit Summary. He recapped the structure established with the Joint Finance and Operating committee and then proceeded to provide highlights of the audit noting that “clean” opinion was issued on the RHRCA financial statements. Mr. Zegiestowsky then asked if there was a motion to approve the audit.

*Mr. Slabach moved to approve RHRCA Audit and Megan Richards seconded that. The Audit was approved and passed unanimously.*

- The agenda then moved to the annual budget and use of funding sources for 2023. Mr. Zegiestowsky reviewed the budget and funding summary, again noting that this was previously reviewed by the Joint Finance and Operating committee with a

recommendation from that Committee for the Board to approve the annual budget and funding summary. Mr. Zegiestowsky then asked for a motion from the Board for approval.

*Ms. Adornato motioned to approve; Mr. Doug Doyle seconded the motion. There was no oppositions or abstentions. The budget and use of funds was approved unanimously.*

- Mr. Zegiestowsky then turned the agenda to the RHRCA Appointment of Secretary with the recommendation that the Executive Director would formally assume this role.

*Mr. Lewis motioned for approval for Delegation to the Executive Director to serve as Secretary of the RHRCA Board. Mr. Doyle second motion for approval. No oppositions, abstentions. It was passed unanimously.*

#### **Opportunity Public Comment:**

- Mr. Zegiestowsky opened a section for public comment and invited any members of the public to bring forth their comments.
- As there were no public comments, Mr. Zegiestowsky moved the agenda forward and asked Gerry Egan, the new RHRCA Fiscal/Grant Manager, to introduce himself.
- Mr. Zegiestowsky asked if any Board members had any additional comments and hearing none, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Mr. Slabach motioned for the adjournment of the meeting and Megan seconded the motion. All responses were ayes with no nays. There were no objections, and the motion was passed.*

The next Public Board meetings will be bi-monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month starting @10:00am ET.

- Schedule for 2023 RHRCA Board Meetings
  - Public and Executive Sessions:
    - March 21, 2023,
    - May 9, 2023
    - July 18, 2023
    - August 15, 2023 (Executive Session only for Transformation Plan Review)
    - September 19, 2023
    - November 14, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 am. The Executive meeting will begin at 10:30am.