

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH REDESIGN CENTER AUTHORITY
FIFTH OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL
10:00AM-10:15AM

Meeting Minutes of Public Session

Call to Order:

Meghna Patel, Deputy Secretary of Health Innovation on behalf of Secretary Levine, RHRCA-Chair. Ms. Patel called the meeting to order and requested Board Members, Department Staff and Members of the Public introduce themselves and their organization affiliation.

Board Introductions:

Commonwealth Representatives:

1. Meghna Patel represented as the Chair on behalf of Secretary Rachel Levine from PA Department of Health (DOH);
2. Dr. Doug Jacobs, Chief Innovation Officer represented Secretary Teresa Miller from PA Department of Human Services (DHS);
3. Mike Humphreys, Chief of Staff at PA Insurance Department (PID) on behalf of Jessica Altman, Commissioner, PID
4. Meghan Barbour, Policy Director, PID

Payer Representatives:

1. Sean Burns, VP Reimbursement and Network Infrastructure, Highmark;
2. Raymond Prushnok, AVP Program Development, UPMC;
3. Glenn D. Pomerantz, SVP, Gateway;
4. Mike Sweeney, VP, UPMC;
5. Devin Nole, Actuarial Analyst, on behalf of Sarah MacDerment, Actuarial Director, CFO, Geisinger

Absentees:

1. Dr. John Bulger, CFO, Geisinger;
2. Kristen Ryan, Business Project Program Manager, Aetna;
3. Linda Darga, Sr Director, Network Management VBS, Aetna

Hospital Representatives (1 additional representative pending confirmation):

1. Dr. John Bulger, CFO, Geisinger;
2. Kristen Ryan, Business Project Program Manager, Aetna;
3. Linda Darga, Sr Director, Network Management VBS, Aetna
4. John Lewis, CEO, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital;
5. Jack Sisk, CFO, Punxsutawney Area Hospital;
6. Kate Slatt, Vice President of Innovative Payment and Care Delivery, CEO, Hospital Association of Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA;
7. Loren Stone, CEO, Endless Mountains Health Systems;

8. James Pettinato, Chief Clinician Director of Patient Care Services, Wayne Memorial Hospital

Absentees:

1. Tammy Anderer, CAO, Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital;
2. Sara Adornato, CEO, Barnes-Kasson County Hospital;

National Recognized Experts:

1. Donna Kinzer, Global Budget Expert, DK Healthcare Consulting;
2. Brock Slabach, SVP-National Rural Health Association

Department Staff:

1. Janice Walters, COO, RHRC;
2. Emily Roussel, Executive Assistant Health Innovation Deputate, DOH;
3. Jennifer Torres Del Valle, Grant Manager, RHRC;
4. Gary Zegiestowsky, CEO, RHRC;
5. Keith Fickel, Attorney, Senior Legal Counsel, DOH
6. Derek Scott, Program Manager, RHRC;
7. Diana Carpenter, Clinical Program Manager, RHRC;

Members of the Public:

- Luke Purazo, Sr. Financial Analyst, UPMC
- Ben Dannels, Associate, Greenlee Partners
- Brittany Rieker, Government Affairs Representative, Greenlee Partners
- Maria Montoro Edwards, CEO, Maternal and Family Health Services
- Kimberley Rak, Medical Anthropologist, University of Pittsburgh
- Aaron Richardson, Medicare Advisor, United Healthcare

Opening Remarks- by Ms. Patel on behalf of Dr. Levine, RHRCA-Chair:

- Ms. Patel took roll and then moved the agenda forward to approval of last month's minutes

September 21st, 2020 Board Minutes Approval-by Ms. Patel on behalf of Dr. Levine, RHRCA-Chair:

- Ms. Patel asked for Board members to review the minutes sent out via e-mail prior to the meeting to see if they had any edits or questions
- *Mr. Burns motioned for the approval of the meeting minutes and Mr. Pomerantz seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.*

Key Updates

- **Recap of Board Approvals in the 4th RHRCA Public Session**

Ms. Patel yielded the floor to the RHRCA-Executive Director, Gary Zegiestowsky so that he could recap board actions from the previous meeting:

- Mr. Zegiestowsky highlighted that two Board actions were unanimously approved at the September meeting based on terms outlined in the Interagency Agreement, including:
 - Delegation of Duties (i.e., Delegation of Duties from DOH to RHRCA)
 - Delegation of Authority to Executive Director (i.e., Delegation from RHRCA Board to Executive Director)

- **RHRCA Organization Formation Update-** Mr. Zegiestowsky informed of the progress of the RHRCA organization formation.
 - An Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the Authority was obtained in July 13, 2020 from the IRS
 - The .gov domain was obtained on September 8, 2020
 - DOH completed submission of CMMI continuation application for Performance Year 3 on Friday, September 11, 2020
 - The process to build out the RHRCA organization to meet requirements for approval as an organization by CMMI continues
 - Target completion of this for submission of RHRCA application to CMMI is being re-evaluated

Opportunity Public Comment:

- Ms. Patel opened a section for public comment and invited the members of the public to bring forth their comments. Due to time restrictions, all questions were asked to be submitted via email for consideration by the Board.

Lastly, Ms. Patel announced that an Executive Section will be conducted today following the public meeting. Only RHRCA-Board Members are invited to attend.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. *Mr. Slabach motioned the conclusion of the meeting and Ms. Slatt seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.*