



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



**MINUTES**

**OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**1201 North Third Street**

**Thomas Jefferson Room C (Claiborne 1-136C)**

**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

- I. Call to Order –the meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM.
  - A. Roll Call

Sen. Louie Bernard	Present
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Present
Rep. Chad Brown	Absent
Ms. Deborah Copeland	Present (Late Arrival)
Mr. Jeremy Jackson	Absent
Mr. Frank Jobert, Jr.	Present
Mr. Kenneth Krefft	Absent
Mr. Tony Murray	Present
Mr. Frank Opelka	Absent
Mr. Mike Saylor	Present
Sen. Kirk Talbot	Present
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Senator Kirk Talbot made a motion to approve the Policy and Planning Board Minutes from the February 24, 2022 meeting. Senator Louie Bernard seconded the motion. The Policy and Planning Board Minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Request to Take the Agenda Out of Order

Senator Bernard made a motion to take the agenda out of order by hearing the Flexible Spending Arrangements and COBRA Administrative Services Emergency Contract and the Financial Update prior to the other items on the agenda. Mr. Frank Jobert, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. It was noted that there would be an opportunity for Public Comment limited to these two agenda items prior to hearing these two items. Public Comment for the remaining agenda items would occur after the Flexible Spending Arrangements (“FSA”) and COBRA Administrative Services Emergency Contract and the Financial Update.
- IV. Public Comment
  - A. There were no public comments concerning the Flexible Spending Arrangements and COBRA Administrative Services Emergency Contract or the Financial Update.

- V. Flexible Spending Arrangements and COBRA Administrative Services Emergency Contract
  - A. Ms. Melissa Mayers, Chief Operating Officer of OGB, informed the Policy and Planning Board that OGB has negotiated an Emergency Contract with Optum Financial, Inc. to provide administrative services for FSA and COBRA beginning June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The maximum payable amount for the nineteen-month Contract is \$840,000.00. OGB intends to issue an RFP in 2023 for FSA and COBRA administrative services.
  - B. Ms. Mayers asked the Policy and Planning Board for a motion recommending the FSA and COBRA Services Emergency Contract to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (“JLCB”).
  - C. Senator Joseph Bouie, Jr. made a motion to recommend the Emergency Contract. Senator Talbot seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. Financial Update
  - A. Colonel David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer of OGB, provided the financial update for Fiscal Year 2022. The update included the following information:
    - 1. 2022 Plan Year Health Coverage Membership by Plan and Member Type,
    - 2. Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Status – OGB Accrual Financial Reporting through February 28, 2022,
    - 3. Fiscal Year 2022 Self-Funded Health Plan Monitoring Report, and
    - 4. Financial Projections for Fiscal Years 2022 – 2026.
- VII. Public Comment
  - A. The following individuals spoke about OGB’s current Pharmacy Benefits Manager, Express Scripts, Inc.
    - 1. Mr. Errol Duplantis with Lloyd’s Remedies Rx,
    - 2. Ms. Kim Wixson with Cottonport Corner Drug, LLC.,
    - 3. Mr. Randal Johnson with Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association,
    - 4. Mr. H. Bernard LeBas, and
    - 5. Mr. David Osborne with Schilling Pharmacy.
- VIII. Request to Take the Agenda Out of Order
  - A. Mr. Jobert made a motion to take the Request to Discuss Pharmacy Benefits Manager (“PBM”) Services as the next agenda item. Senator Bernard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IX. Request to Discuss PBM Services
  - A. Colonel Couvillon let the Board know that Mr. Linus Jordan, Senior Director, an Account Manager with Express Scripts, Inc. (“ESI”), was present. The Board requested that Mr. Jordan respond to the public comments and the Board’s inquiries. Mr. Jordan explained that ESI provides pharmacy benefits management (“PBM”) services per the terms of its Contract with OGB and that ESI is required to follow all applicable State laws.
  - B. The Board members discussed the information shared and asked various questions.
- X. Flexible Spending Arrangements and COBRA Administration Services Contract (Current)
  - A. Ms. Mayers stated that on February 24, 2022, OGB sent DPAS Notice of Termination of the Contract for Cause with an effective termination date of May 31, 2022. However, in order to avoid prolonged, costly litigation, OGB is converting the Termination for Cause to a Termination for Convenience with the effective date of May 31, 2022.

XI. Access Health

A. Colonel Couvillon provided an update on the Access Health Contract. The three-year contract ends June 30, 2022, and that, currently, OGB does not intend to exercise the right to extend the Contract, but OGB may extend the Contract after negotiations with Access Health. At the moment, OGB is conducting an audit of the Access Health visits reported for the first two quarters of Contract Year 3 and the early indications are that some visits appear to have been counted twice. However, the audit is not yet complete.

1. Mr. Tony Murray asked that OGB provide more details on the preliminary findings of the audit conducted by Buck. He asked for clarification on the double-billing/visits being counted twice. He wanted to know if the counting the visits twice was caused by visits incurring a higher level of care. Col. Couvillon stated the audit was unscientific.

XII. 2022 Tracked Legislation

A. Colonel Couvillon provided an overview of legislation that is being discussed during the 2022 Legislative Session that may impact OGB. While a single bill by itself, if passed, would not be too costly for OGB, if the majority of the legislation is passed, it would affect OGB's medical spending and premiums.

XIII. New Business

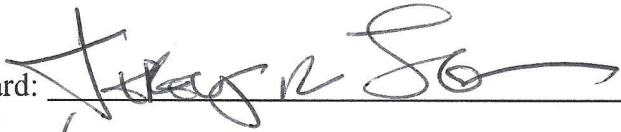
A. There was no new business.

XIV. Adjournment

A. Mr. Jobert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mike Saylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Approved by Policy and Planning Board:



Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

6/8/2022