**STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 8:30am**

**Kaplan University, Augusta**

Commission members in attendance: Bret Achorn, Lois Baxter, Chris Brawn, Eric Cioppa, Sandra Doyon, Jonathan French, Ellen Hughes, Terry James, Kelly John (via phone), Jan Lachapelle, Carrie Margrave, Lew Miller, Karen O’Connor, Robert Omiecinski, Joyce Oreskovich, Wanita Page, Nickole Wesley (total = 17)

Commission members absent: Diane Bailey, Lauren Carrier, Laurie Doucette, Becky Greene, Jim Leonard, Sam Teel, Brian Tuttle

Others present: Cecile Champagne-Thompson (via phone) – Maine Turnpike Authority; Kurt Caswell, Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez, Erica Ouellette, Heather Albert – Employee Health & Benefits; Susan Avery, Sabrina DeGuzman-Simmons, Bob Downs – Aetna; Burr Duryee, Bill Clifford – USI; Sara Fitzgerald – Maine Health Management Coalition; Bill Whitmore, Jodi Collins, Kristine Ossenkort – Anthem; Tina Love – Medical Care Development; Ramona Welton, Tom Farkas, W. MacDonald, Mary Anne Turowski – MSEA-SEIU; Jill Nohai, Jeanne Wyand – Towers Watson; Mr. Mandeville (via phone) & Mr. Barrett (via phone) - Employees

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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action/Next Steps |
| I. Call to Order (8:30am) |  Joyce called the meeting to order |  |
| II. Introductions |  |  |
| III. Review & Approval of Minutes (December 10, 2015) |  | Lois made motion to accept the minutes; Bret seconded. Motion passed. |
| IV. Health Premium Credit Appeals *Mr. Mandeville and Mr. Barrett* | * Kurt Caswell provided an overview of the appeal process and the status of each appeal being presented to the Commission
* Mr. Mandeville addressed the Commission as to the nature of his appeal
* Mr. Barrett addressed the Commission as to the nature of his appeal. Some information was not readily available for the Commission at the meeting. As a result, it was suggested that the vote be tabled.
 | Mr. Mandeville’s appeal granted by a majority vote of the Commission. Kurt Caswell will work with Erica Ouellette on the processing of the payroll and premium adjustments.Joyce Oreskovich made a motion to temporarily table Mr. Barrett’s appeal decision; Bret seconded. Motion passed. Chris Brawn and Kurt Caswell will gather the all of the information for the Commission for a full review and vote. |
| *V. UPDATES- MONTHLY* |
| a.i. Aetna Monthly Report – Point of Service Plan *Susan Avery* | Information contained in written report; highlights noted below:* Eric Cioppa inquired about the approximately 60% increase in number of medical claims from December 2014 to December 2015. The total dollar value of claims (for this same period) has increased about $5M.
* Jonathan French and Wanita Page asked for clarification regarding the possible change in network status for Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH). Susan Avery and Bob Downs stated that Aetna and BCH are in still in negotiations. Wanita asked a follow up question about the transition of care process if an agreement isn’t reached and BCH does in fact fall out of the network. Susan stated that an Aetna Case Manager will work with each family who has accepted this service (some families decline). A sample communication piece was provided to the Commission regarding this matter. Jonathan noted the amount of time necessary for families to find new specialty providers. Wanita and Ellen Hughes inquired about continuation of care for current patients BCH.
* Lois Baxter noted the top 4 prescriptions and direct link to extensive advertising
 | Susan Avery will review the claim wire reports to address Eric’s question regarding the comparison to the prior period. Susan Avery to confirm that current patients at BCH will continue to receive care. |
| a.ii. Aetna Monthly Report – Medicare Advantage Plan*Sabrina DeGuzman-Simmons* | Information contained in written report; highlights noted below:* Sabrina Simmons mentioned two mailings that will be going out to the Medicare Advantage members by the end of January; the appointment reminder checklist and the annual Primary Care Physician selection memo.
* Sabrina reminded the Commission about the new ID cards that include the CMS Rx identifier
* Lois Baxter asked about Silver Sneakers and Basics Fitness Center. Basics is no longer in the Silver Sneakers network. Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez noted that Basics Fitness has offered State of Maine retiree members a reduced membership fee.
 | In response to a question from Bret, Sabrina Simmons to look to see how many Medicare Advantage members have not yet named a PCP. |
| a.iii. Accountable Care Organizations*Chris Brawn* | MaineGeneral’s ACO contract has not been finalized. Eric Cioppa asked about MaineGeneral’s preferred status based on the current tiering methodology. Chris Brawn along with Aetna, USI and the Maine Health Management Coalition will be reviewing the tiering methodology. Chris expects to have something final by March and the methodology would still contain components of cost and quality. (The cost data may come from Aetna.) Eric expressed the importance of providing enough notice if the new methodology results in a change in status for hospitals. Chris suggested a 90-day notification period. |  |
| a.iv. Executive Summary Discussion*Employee Health & Benefits and Tina Love, Medical Care Development/WellStarME* | Information contained in written Executive Summary and WellStarME report:* WellStarME Update: The program had a soft launch in August 2015 and full launch in mid-September. To date, 4,278 plan members have registered for the program. Total number of primary subscribers who have met all of the requirements for the Health Credit Premium Program is 39%. Tina Love and Phonse Allen-Laney have been attending on-site health screenings to assist with employees with account registration.
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| Break (10:10am-10:25am) |  |  |
| *V. UPDATES - BIANNUAL* |
| b.i. Dental Plan Report*(Provided in September and March)**Northeast Delta Dental Representatives* | n/a |  |
| b.ii. Employee Assistance Program Report*(Provided in October and April)**Jim O’Connor* | n/a |  |
| VI. Other Business |  |  |
| 1. The Future of Our Health Plan

*Governor Paul LePage* | Governor LePage addressed the Commission regarding his concern about the rising cost of healthcare. Specifically, he suggested the State enlarge the pool of plan members by offering one plan to all Maine public employers with employees paid by tax dollars. Once the larger pool of members is identified, talk with hospitals, providers regarding cost containment. The Governor has spoken with other Governors and looked at what other states (e.g. Indiana, Florida, etc.) are implementing. He encouraged the Commission to continue investigating options to reduce costs. Joyce Oreskovich mentioned the Commission’s recent recognition of Leapfrog Group’s Living the Vision award in the Value category; the Governor commended the innovative work of the Commission. Terry asked about Affordable Care Act. The Governors’ Association is looking for a more holistic strategy compared to what the Federal Government has offered. |  |
| 1. Private Exchanges

*Jill Nohai & Jeanne Wyand - Towers Watson* | Information contained in Power Point presentation titled “One Exchange: Retiree Benefits Exchange Discussion”* Bret Achorn inquired about data security
* Kurt Caswell asked about an implementation timeline
* Chris Brawn ensured the group that this type of presentation should be considered informational and educational.
* Lois Baxter asked about the various solicitation calls Medicare eligible members receive and how they would handle those calls. Towers Watson confirmed those calls would be referred to them.
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| 1. Mercer Contract Discussion

*Kurt Caswell* | Information contained in written handout regarding transition strategy. Currently there are contracts with Mercer and USI per Kurt Caswell; the intent is to move Mercer activities to USI. |  |
| VI. Adjourn Meeting (11:30pm) |  | Eric Cioppa made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jonathan French seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned. |

*Upcoming Meeting Dates:*

* *February 11, 2016*
* *March 10, 2016*
* *April 14, 2016*
* *May 12, 2016*
* *June 9, 2016*