

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY 28, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.
PERSONNEL CABINET, 501 HIGH STREET, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601**

At the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held on January 28, 2020 the following members were present: Gerina Whethers (Chair), Jason McGinnis as proxy for Laurie Dudgeon, Tommy Loving, Jonathan Grate as proxy for Mike Harmon, Rita Belen as proxy for Kevin Brown, Reina Diaz-Dempsey as proxy for Sharon Clark, Troy Robinson as proxy for Holly Johnson, Brent McKim, Janet Allen, Jerry Powell, TJ Gilpin, Teresa Sanders as proxy for John Hicks, and Steve Gillespie. Staff members present were Jenny Goins, Jessie Drury, Sharron Burton, Donna Marcum, Christie Burkhead, Bruce Cottew, Paula Chisholm, Steeley Shacklette, and Lindy Casebier. Also present were Carl Felix, Eric Poston, John-Michael Moore, Will Hancock, Larry Totten, Courtney Mangione, Abby Sutherland, Margaret Sims, Connie Pettyjohn, Connie Jennings, and Ann Powell.

Commissioner Jenny Goins called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jessie Drury called roll.

Commissioner Goins introduced agenda item *Authorization for a Temporary Chair* and asked for a motion to be made accepting her as the Acting-Chairperson. The motion was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Loving. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Goins introduced agenda item *Role of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board*. Commissioner Goins reviewed statute 18A.226 regarding the roles and responsibilities of the KGHIB. With several newly appointed members and proxies present, Commissioner Goins asked each member and proxy to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

Commissioner Goins introduced agenda item *Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair*. She welcomed the Cabinet's new Secretary, Gerina Whethers. Commissioner Goins asked for nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair. Secretary Whethers was the only nomination for Board Chair and as such Commissioner Goins asked the board for a motion to elect Secretary Whethers as the KGHIB Chairperson. The motion was made by Mr. Loving and seconded by Mrs. Allen. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 1 abstention. Commissioner Goins asked for a nomination for Vice-Chairperson and Tommy Loving was the only nomination and as such a motion to re-elect Tommy Loving as the KGHIB Vice-Chairperson was made by Mr. McKim and seconded by Mr.

Gillespie. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 1 abstention.

As new Chairperson, Secretary Whethers asked for a motion to accept the November 26, 2019 board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Loving. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Whethers introduced agenda item *KEHP Update*. Commissioner Goins introduced Lindy Casebier as the Cabinet's Deputy Secretary and Carl Felix as the new Account Director for Anthem. Mr. Casebier and Mr. Felix both shared information about themselves and their background. Commissioner Goins continued her update with the implementation progress for StayWell, legislation, and operational information from December 2019. She also briefed the board about presenting to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations about KEHP's success with SmartShopper's price transparency program. Ending her update, Commissioner Goins informed the board that KEHP started a pilot program with UK Healthcare Integrative Medicine and Health that covers acupuncture at no cost to KEHP members to provide an alternative pain management tool to opioids. Questions and discussion then followed regarding complaints with StayWell's best practices, Dental and Vision issues, and legislative matters. Commissioner Goins stated her appreciation for the feedback and will present these matters to leadership for future planning and decision making.

Secretary Whethers introduced the agenda item *Acupuncture Pilot*. Dr. Jennings introduced herself and her colleague, Ms. Powell, and shared historical facts and data about the benefits of acupuncture. She also presented data on how patient response is measured, and solid science proves the effects of acupuncture. Dr. Jennings ended her presentation by passing around sample acupuncture needles and sharing a successful healing story from an acupuncture patient.

There being no further business, Secretary Whethers asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Loving and seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the Minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held January 28, 2020.

CERTIFICATION

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Board on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.

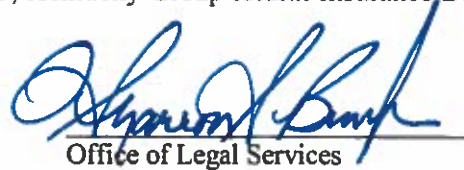

Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and Commissioner of the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on January 28, 2020, were approved on February 25, 2020.


Chairperson

Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the January 28, 2020, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.


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