



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN

Health Insurance Exchange Board of Directors Special Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2011
Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair; Secretary Benjamin Barnes, Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Ellen Breault for Commissioner Thomas Leonardi, CT Insurance Department (CID); Commissioner Roderick L. Bremby, Department of Social Services (DSS); Jeannette DeJesús, Office of Health Reform & Innovation; Michael Devine; Mary Fox; Mickey Herbert; Grant Ritter; Robert Scalettar; Robert Tessier; Victoria Veltri, Office of the Healthcare Advocate; Cecilia Woods

Members Absent: Commissioner Jewel Mullen, Department of Public Health (DPH)

Other Participants: Tia Cintron, OPM; Barbara Parks Wolf, OPM, David Krause, OPM; Amy Tibor, OPM; Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Office of Health Reform & Innovation, Bettye Jo Pakulis (Lt. Governor's Office); Theresa Becchi (Lt. Governor's Office); Steven Jensen (Lt. Governor's Office)

The meeting of the Health Insurance Exchange Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Chair Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman welcomed the Health Insurance Exchange Board of Directors, and initiated introductions of each Board Member.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Lt. Governor Wyman to appoint a Vice Chair of the Exchange Board. Lieutenant Governor Wyman nominated Jeannette DeJesús, Special Advisor to the Governor on Health Reform, to become Vice Chair. Robert Tessier seconded the motion. So voted.

3. Office of Health Reform & Innovation: Role and Purpose

Jeannette DeJesús introduced the Office of Health Reform & Innovation.

Alexis Fedorjaczenko presented an overview of the newly formed Office ([Presentation](#)).

Jeannette encouraged the Board Members, as well as the public, to visit the Office's website (www.healthreform.ct.gov) in order to gain information on what is currently happening with regards to health reform within the State, as well as the key role of the Office and its priorities.

Alexis announced the Office had applied for a grant RFA by the National Academy for State Policy (NASHP) in collaboration with State agencies DSS, DPH, the Connecticut Commission on Health Equity, the Office of the Healthcare Advocate, and the Connecticut Health Foundation. The NASHP RFA scope includes: 1.) Health equity training for the Insurance Exchange Board, Governor's Cabinet, and others; 2.) Maximization of participation of urban and minority populations in Medicaid and the Insurance Exchange; and 3.) Establishment of an outreach plan for the Exchange for 2012 to 2014, including Navigators and the role of consumer assistance programs. The Office expects to hear back from NASHP in September with regard to their proposal.

4. Overview of Exchange Legislation

Project Director of the Exchange Planning Grants, Tia Cintron, began her presentation by introducing instrumental Grant Staff Members: Barbara Parks Wolf, Planning Specialist, OPM; David Krause, Leadership Associate, OPM; and Amy Tibor as administrative support for the Exchange, OPM.

Tia guided the Board through the Legislation tab of their binders, which provides a summary of Public Act No. 11-53, as well as the Exchange Legislation ([Statutes](#)). Tia informed the Board that Legislation was signed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on July 1st, 2011. Public Act No. 11-53 is based on model legislation developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and establishes the State's Health Insurance Exchange as a *quasi-public entity*. This structure allows the entity to operate more flexibly while requiring the same transparency and accountability as a government state entity.

Tia emphasized the importance of the ability to act swiftly in regard to hiring Exchange staff and procuring contractual services in a timely manner. She describes this as essential in order to be able to meet the timelines required by Public Act No. 11-53, which requires the State to have its Exchange up and running by January, 2014.

5. Planning Grants Overview

Tia Cintron provided a presentation which illustrated an overview of Exchange planning, the key deliverables of Exchange implementation, and the four major work areas which are being addressed in order to move towards full implementation of the Exchange ([Exchange Planning Overview](#)).

The Grants funding the implementation of the Exchange and their roles are as follows:

- 1.) Planning Grant: Provides the State a baseline understanding of policy and strategic decisions necessary to develop an Exchange
- 2.) Level One Planning Grant: Provides the State with further planning insight to enable full implementation
- 3.) Level Two Planning Grant: Supports full implementation

Tia explained that funding through the Planning Grant has allowed for the resources necessary in order to procure research and data analysis for key areas for the development of an Exchange. She discussed that the State is currently working with vendor, Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, along with two sub-contractors, HMA and Oliver Wyman, to address these key work areas.

Tia explained that Level One Planning Grant awarded in August 2011 for the \$6.7 million will allow for work to be completed in three task areas: 1.) Administrative Structure; 2.) Business Operations; and 3.) Customer Support Assessment and Design, while Level Two Planning Grant funding will provide the

resources necessary to fund the Exchange through 2014, at which point the Exchange needs to be self-sustaining. Tia also specified that the Exchange needs to be state-certified by January of 2013.

Tia concluded her presentation with a slide which illustrated the status on state action *by state*, and discussed Connecticut as being one of 13 states that have received federal funding for Exchanges—further remarking that states are all at very different places in terms of Exchange implementation.

Robert Tessier inquired of the turnaround time of the Federal government in terms of the Exchange planning grants. Tia responded that the Federal government is obligated to a 45-day turnaround time.

6. Establishing the Exchange as a Quasi-Public Entity: Legal Support

Lieutenant Governor Wyman requested Item 6 be delayed to the next meeting.

7. CEO Recruitment Process

Lieutenant Governor Wyman remarked that the responsibilities of the CEO will need to be established by the Board. A motion was made to create a five member CEO Personnel Search Committee which includes co-chairs, Secretary Benjamin Barnes and State Healthcare Advocate Vickie Veltri, and volunteers from the Board as Robert Tessier, Mary Fox, and Dr. Robert Scalettar. The vote was seconded. So Voted.

Robert Scalettar inquired whether the search would be a local search or national search. Lt. Governor Wyman responded that this will be a national search effort.

Mickey Herbert inquired as to the compensation package for the CEO. Tia Cintron explained that the role of the CEO is funded by the grant; the figure is a ballpark figure and this will be negotiated. Lt. Governor revealed the need to go into Executive Session in order to discuss these details.

8. Next Steps

Lieutenant Governor Wyman requested Item 6, *Establishing the Exchange as a Quasi-Public Entity: Legal Support* be delayed to the next meeting in October.

9. Board Meeting Dates and Times

Lieutenant Governor Wyman proposed future meeting dates as: Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th, 2011.

Discussion

A motion was made by Lt. Governor Wyman to allow OPM to issue an RFP in order to procure legal services. The motion was seconded. So voted.

A motion was made by Lt. Governor Wyman to create a Legal Proposal Review Team to which Jeannette DeJesús, Karen Buffkin, a member of the Attorney General's office, and two non-administration members will serve. Mickey Herbert and Grant Ritter volunteered to serve on the Review Team. The motion was seconded. So voted.

Adjournment

As approved by the Board
on November 17, 2011

A motion was made by Lt. Governor Wyman to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. So voted.