



## Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee (HBEAC) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date | Time:** March 25, 2024 | 1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Location:** Illinois Departments of Insurance (DOI) and Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) conference rooms in Chicago and Springfield

### **HBEAC Members in Attendance:**

#### **Co-Chairs (\*)**

Stephani Becker, Shriver Center

Patrick Besler, Health Care Services Corporation (HCSC)

Paula Campbell, Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)

Wendy Epstein, DePaul University College of Law

Lance Kovacs, Illinois Health & Hospital Association (IHA)

Laura Minzer, Illinois Life & Health Insurance Council (ILHIC)

Kenneth Olson, Horton Group & Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois (Insurance)

Julie Sampson, Citizen Action Illinois

#### **Dana Severinghaus, Illinois Department of Insurance \***

Lila Valinoti, Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS)

#### **Lizzie Whitehorn, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services \***

### **Absences Recorded:**

Teresa Tudor (DHS)

### **DOI/HFS Staff in attendance**

Melishia Bansa (HFS)

Joanna Coll (DOI)

Adam Flores (DOI)

Brian Gorman (DOI)

Tracy Keen (DOI)

Dana Kelly (HFS)

Sergio Obregon (HFS)

Matthew Pickett (DOI)

Laura Phelan (HFS)

Matthew Sebek (DOI)

Beth Sill (DOI)

KC Stralka (DOI)

Brodie Taylor (DOI)

Andi VanderKolk (DOI)

Carol West (DOI)

Jillian Wieland (DOI)

### **Guests in Attendance**

Stephanie Altman, Shriver Center

Rebecca Kane, Optum

Mona Martin, OSF & PhRMA

Kate Morthland, ILHIC

Krishnan Pattiyal, Deloitte

Gufran Vanjara, Deloitte

## I. Call to Order and Introductions

Director Dana Severinghaus (DOI) opened the meeting and welcomed HBEAC members, staff, and guests. Director Severinghaus and Director Lizzie Whitehorn introduced themselves and provided brief backgrounds. Director Whitehorn noted that both DOI & HFS must work seamlessly to ensure the SBM's success. Director Severinghaus introduced the new Marketplace Director, Mr. Morgan Winters. Director Winters was previously with MNSure, and he introduced himself and provided his background.

Director Severinghaus explained various housekeeping measures and discussed public comments. She noted the meeting minutes & notes protocol and that we will disseminate materials before the next meeting.

## II. Roll Call

Director Severinghaus asked the HBEAC members to introduce themselves and indicate who they are representing. She noted that the small business advocacy member has not yet been appointed. **Quorum was established.**

Director Severinghaus thanked Brodie Taylor for his efforts and reminded both members and guests to fill out the member survey and reach out to Brodie with additional ideas, feedback, or questions.

## III. Review and Approval of Bylaws

Director Severinghaus discussed the by-laws and proposed by-laws changes. Laura Minzer with ILHIC provided changes and suggestions before the meeting, and Director Severinghaus thanked Laura for those. Patrick Besler with HCSC asked about a potential outline for future votes and noted that even though such votes would be non-binding a protocol should be in place. Director Severinghaus stated that DOI & HFS can take a look and get back to members before the next meeting. Joanna Coll with DOI asked Patrick if there was a specific example and Patrick explained it was more of a general inquiry.

Director Severinghaus asked members to use video feeds only for future meetings. This will ensure there are no issues with Open Meetings Act (OMA) questions or challenges.

Director Severinghaus opened a vote on the by-laws.

**Motion:** Lance Kovacs (IHA) made the motion to approve the bylaws as amended and Stephani Becker (Shriver Center) seconded the motion. No opposition or abstentions.

**Motion Carried** with a 10-0 vote.

## IV. DOI/HFS Updates

Director Severinghaus discussed various reports from DOI. The finished tasks and current focuses are on transparency, open enrollment, creating the HBEAC, procurement, and enhanced outreach & education. She discussed future reports and mentioned that DOI will be able to further discuss budget & fiscal matters when they are clearer. Director Whitehorn noted that future funding estimates will increase when Illinois has a full SBM. Director Winters will provide future reports to the HBEAC.

**V. Public Comment Period**

Director Severinghaus opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.

**VI. Other Business**

Laura Minzer (ILHIC) asked about the blueprint document and Director Severinghaus explained we are working with federal CMS on this issue. Lance Kovacs (IHA) asked about future meetings and Director Severinghaus indicated that DOI was working on scheduling future meetings and will notify the members soon.

**VII. Adjournment**

Director Severinghaus called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:** Kenneth Olson (Horton) made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Minzer (ILHIC) seconded the motion. No oppositions or abstentions.

**Motion Carried** via a 10-0 vote.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.**