

Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2009

School Employees Health Care Board
Public School Employees Health Care Advisory Committee
Location: 8050 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting was called to order by Chairman Loeb at 9:05 AM.
Attendance	<p><i>The following Board members were present:</i> Dr. Stephen Loeb, Dr. Louis Goorey, Ms. Chris Holland, Ms. Laurie Klopfer, Mr. Scott Nisley, Mr. Larry Morgan, Mr. Scott DiMauro, Mr. Reed Fraley, Mr. Steve Clark, and Mr. Bob Hancock.</p> <p><i>Board members absent:</i> Gary Smiga.</p> <p><i>The following Advisory Committee members were present:</i> Mr. Van Keating, Mr. Ken Blood, Dr. Gregg Gascon, Mr. Jim Timlin, Ms. Janice Walker, Mr. David Manning, Ms. Kelly McGivern, Ms. Brenda Powell, Mr. Dan Doyle, Mr. Dan Schall,.</p> <p><i>Committee members absent:</i> Ms. Barbara Shaner, Mr. Fred McGraw, Ms. Kelly Singleton, Ms. Barbara Coriell, Mr. Larry Zimmerman, Mr. Joe Stevens, Mr. David Hamilton, and Mr. Mark Schwendeman.</p> <p><i>Staff present:</i> Bruce Gilbert, Cheryl Reeves, Jon Brescia, and Charlotta Ross.</p>	A quorum of the Board was present. A quorum of the Advisory Committee was reached at 9:17.
Review of Meeting Minutes for 4/23/09	Dr. Loeb noted that the minutes had been developed and circulated.	April 23, 2009 Minutes Approved by voice vote. Motion: 09-21
Chairman Loeb's remarks	Agenda will be a little different due to travel commitments. The Executive Session to begin at approximately 11 a.m. They will discuss	

	<p>personnel matters & recruitment of staff. Also, an invitation is extended to the Advisory Committee to attend.</p> <p>Dr. Loeb's presented a citation from Senator Widener to Ken Blood.</p> <p>Thanks to Van Keating and his colleagues for providing the space for the meeting.</p> <p>Welcome to Jennifer Croskey and other guests. Guests are encouraged to make comments and/or suggestions.</p> <p>Dr. Loeb's: The budget looks encouraging. Postings for a new Executive Director and Administrative Assistant are proceeding rapidly. The search for new office space has been "fast tracked"; the location is likely to be in the Riffe Center.</p> <p>The budget for SEHCB is problematic-if not impossible to gain access.</p> <p>The SEHCB budget was passed by the House and sent to the Senate as a line item under DAS. Dr. Loeb's has been told SEHCB will be independent (saw new language). However, nothing will be final until June 30th.</p> <p>Must come to grips with policies for compliance of best practices. The challenge being able to view and approve.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone for traveling here for the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Loeb's attended OEA Conference and was able to bring them up-to-date. Additionally, he met with a group of consortium leaders.</p> <p>Dr. Loeb's will not be as available during the summer months due to being at his vacation home in Maine.</p> <p>Congratulations to Kelly McGivern for winning a seat on the Hilliard City Council during the election!</p>	<p>Recommendation is to not pursue any further spending for this fiscal year.</p>
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<p>Executive Director's Report</p>	<p>There is currently state legislation pending regarding Autism parity and Dependent Eligibility Audits.</p> <p>The state of Ohio is between \$600 million - \$900 million in the red.</p> <p>Many Boards and Commissions dissolved i.e. Tobacco Cessation Board.</p> <p>He and Cheryl have done the rule filings; rescinded old. Ten days after public hearing – preparing for final filing.</p> <p>SEHCB not a line item under DAS so will need to contract with DAS Central Services. Position descriptions sent to John Cunningham. He is meeting with Mr. Cunningham next Thursday to discuss transition.</p> <p>Fraley Reed: Please explain “line item”</p> <p>Bruce Gilbert: SEHCB was previously under DAS as a line item. Monday language was given that removed it from DAS. He does not know where it (SEHCB) is being placed.</p> <p>Dr. Goorey: Representative Bacon states will be independent item.</p> <p>Bruce Gilbert: Hearings will take place here (this building) for rules. They will be placed on JCARR's docket.</p> <p>Dr. Loeb's: What is the understanding of continuity of the current office space?</p> <p>Bruce Gilbert: People may be moved, but space provided. All paperwork and position descriptions are with John Cunningham.</p>	<p>Dr. Loeb's requests copy of “old rules” for June 18th's meeting of the SEHCB.</p>
<p>Jon Brescia & Dr. Gascon: SERB Report</p>	<p>The survey by SERB (State Employee Relations Board) is done yearly by all school districts. (See report provided at meeting)</p>	<p>Jennifer Croskey states the SEHCB is under no obligation to provide the data; only public records. Contact her for any</p>

	<p>Jim Timlin says Greg has two jobs now with the amount of work he has done on the Board. Jim and Dr. Loeb's thanked Greg.</p> <p>Scott DiMauro expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude for the work Greg has done and hope he has gained a better understanding of future staffing needs. Jon has also done a good job. The new Executive Director will need to take this into account when looking at future staff requirements.</p>	clarification, if needed.
10:10 a.m. -10:20 am	Break	
Executive Session	<p>Agenda is changed in order to accommodate those who need to leave. Will move into Executive Session Early.</p>	<p>Motion 09-22 Unanimous Roll Call Vote</p>
Reconvene	10:50 a.m.	<p>Motion 09-23 Unanimous Roll Call Vote</p>
Dependent Eligibility Audit	<p>Dr. Loeb's: Proposed policy for compliance for the Dependent Eligibility Audit best practice.</p> <p>Bruce Gilbert: Note it should be process, not policy. A form was provided. They had talked about making it generally available; sent to treasurers, superintendents, everyone in Barbara Shaner's group, and other interested parties. Cheryl has the feedback received. The reception was positive with an overall good response of between twenty to twenty-five responses. They will follow-up and then will make recommendations. He recommends waiting another thirty days so that all have opportunity to respond.</p> <p>Dr. Gascon: Dave Manning's folks should also be contacted.</p>	<p>Bruce and Cheryl will follow-up and make recommendations regarding feedback received.</p> <p>At next meeting there will be a vote on process for dependent eligibility audit, "Best Practice".</p>
Compliance for Remaining "Best Practices"	<p>Kelly McGivern distributed a draft of a document she prepared as something that could be distributed to school districts and vendors. She attended a meeting with approximately twenty Third Party Administrator (TPA) vendors. They discussed the best practices</p>	

(BP's). They questioned exactly when they must comply. She was not comfortable answering them i.e. at renewal time? New contract time? They wanted to know what material they could voluntarily provide to the board to show that they comply with the best practice(s) They certify each year with the Department of Insurance. Kelly put together the document for her use. From the vendor's perspective, how do they help the school district identify which company complies with the best practices.

Dr. Gascon: The bulk of the market is controlled by three players.

Scott Nisley stated they should make requirements specific to rule; draft from the rule.

Dr. Loeb's questioned if board was certifying compliance from the vendors or the school districts.

Bruce Gilbert responded the board would be certifying the vendor's products and certifying the school districts.

Dr. Loeb's asked if the board was required to certify vendors.

Bruce Gilbert responded "No".

Scott DiMauro stated that the data will drive decision-making in the future. In regards to vendor pre-certification; will that would be a service to the school districts. It is ok to hold the vendors to high standards, but there is no requirement.

Kelly McGivern stated that this may be perceived as ranking companies.

Bruce Gilbert responded that there is a certain amount of information required to determine if vendor meets or exceeds.

Scott DiMauro states this could be creating a new level of competition.

Bruce Gilbert responded that the alternative will be not to help.

Ken Blood asked if once the question of approval had been determined, would it be published as a list? Or just allow the vendors to say so...

Bruce Gilbert: How much information does the board want to share with the school districts? In the statutes it states their records are not public records; but they can share a list or whatever.

Dr. Gascon: There are different ways to conduct a dependent eligibility audit; compliant or non-compliant. The function of the board policy is to

	<p>inform and help to increase the number of school districts using the best practices.</p> <p>Dr. Loebs: There could be two documents; one for the vendors and one for the school districts i.e. Does this product comply? If answer is yes, then vendor can state product meets the BP's.</p> <p>Dr. Gascon: Best Practices #1 through #3 would be for a product. Best Practice #4 would be a process i.e. Dependent Eligibility Audit. The bottom line is that for a Dependent Eligibility Audit, "Best Practice", the school district may do it themselves or use a vendor. Vendor <u>may</u> ask the board to determine if their process, or product in other instances, meets the board's requirements.</p> <p>Dr Loebs: If approved, form would be sent to the vendors and they will fill out; describing their product. Staff will determine if they meet the board's requirements and let them know. However, school districts will need to complete their form by January 2010. There are sixty days to determine what suggestions to use. There is a need to take the time to get it right.</p> <p>Scott DiMauro: The other three BP's will be more difficult. He will give a draft at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Loebs has requested a report/draft or summary by the next meeting regarding the recommendations and comments received.</p>
<p>Chairman's Final Remarks</p>	<p>Dr. Loebs requests that they hold the dates of June 4th, June 18th, and July 16th. He should be able to know shortly if the June 4th meeting date will be needed and will send a notice as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cheryl Reeves states that the "public notice" for the special meeting of June 4th, must be published by May 28, 2009. One week's public notice is required.</p>	<p>There may be a meeting of the SEHCB on June 4, 2009. Dr. Loebs will contact, if needed.</p> <p>One week's "Public Notice" is required prior to a meeting of the SEHCB.</p>
<p>Lunch and Adjourn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:15 PM</p>	<p>Motion 09-24 Unanimous Voice Vote</p>