

**STATE OF NEVADA
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS PROGRAM
BOARD MEETING**

The Richard H. Bryan Building
PEBP Board Room, Suite 1002
901 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Video conferenced to:
Nevada State Business Center
3330 West Sahara Avenue
Tahoe Room, Suite 430
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

ACTION MINUTES (Subject to Board Approval)

April 27, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT
IN CARSON CITY:**

Mr. Don Bailey, Vice Chair
Ms. Ana Andrews, Member
Mr. John Packham, Member
Mr. Glenn Shippey, Member
Mr. Tom Verducci, Member

**MEMBERS PRESENT
IN LAS VEGAS:**

Mr. Chris Cochran, Member
Ms. Linda Fox, Member
Ms. Christine Zack, Member

**MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA PHONE:**

Mr. Patrick Cates, Board Chair
Ms. Leah Lamborn, Member

FOR THE BOARD:

Mr. Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General

FOR STAFF:

Mr. Damon Haycock, Executive Officer
Ms. Celestena Glover, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Laura Rich, Operations Officer
Ms. Nancy Spinelli, Quality Control Officer
Ms. Laura Landry, Executive Assistant

1. Open Meeting: Roll Call

Vice Chair Bailey opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

2. Public Comment

Public Comment in Carson City:

- Douglas Merrill - Chief Medical and Academic Officer of Renown
- Priscilla Maloney - Representative of AFSCME retirees
- Dr. Ross Golding - Medical Director and founder of Reno Diagnostic Center
- Eric Kraemer - Radiologist at Reno Diagnostic Center
- Joelene Hoover - Nurse at Saint Mary's
- John Griffin - Griffin Company on behalf of Saint Mary's
- Helen Lidholm - CEO of Saint Mary's Health Network
- Katie Grimm - Chief Nursing Officer of Saint Mary's
- Ed Epperson - CEO of Carson Tahoe Health
- Cynthia Mullins - Nevada Resident
- Ricky Burdick - State of Nevada Employee
- Allen Olive - CEO of Northern Nevada Health System
- Mike Heit - State of Nevada Retiree
- Tammy Evans - Spouse of State of Nevada Employee
- Rochelle Nielson - Nurse at Saint Mary's
- Peggy Lear Bowen - Retiree Participant - Grateful for the meeting and for the recommendation of a program that offers choice as well as the transparency of the PEBP Board and PEBP staff. Does not want to be held hostage by Hometown Health, had difficulty getting an EpiPen in an emergent situation due to preauthorization issues and pharmacy choice.
- Ron Milbank - Nevada Resident
- Heather Schofield - Registered Nurse at Saint Mary's
- Pauline Medina - Saint Mary's Neonatal Intensive Care Employee
- Kelly Wilshire - Relative of PEBP Member

Public Comment in Las Vegas:

- Ty Windfeldt - Hometown Health

3. PEBP Board disclosures for applicable Board meeting agenda items. (Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General) (Information/Discussion)

4. Approval of Action Minutes from the April 20, 2018 PEBP Board Meeting. (**For Possible Action**)

Board Action on Item 4

MOTION: Motion to approve the Action Minutes from the April 20th Meeting.

BY: Member Tom Verducci

SECOND: Member Ana Andrews

VOTE: Unanimous; the motion carried.

Disclosure

Member Leah Lamborn disclosed that she has ended her engagement with the Law Firm that works for the charity care organization who is affiliated with Renown.

5. Discussion and possible action on the changes to the network currently approved for the PEBP Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) through June 30, 2021 and to provide for a network for the Exclusive Provider Organization plan, Action to include but not be limited to:
 - A. (1) Adding the Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) population in Plan Year 2019 to the existing Hometown Health Providers PPO network and (2) revising the existing Hometown Health Providers PPO network contract to include cost controls for northern Nevada hospital systems of care (**For Possible Action**); or
 - B. Contracting for a new network to serve the EPO population starting Plan Year 2019. Available options include: Sierra Healthcare Options, Inc.; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Nevada; and Aetna (Damon Haycock, Executive Officer) (**For Possible Action**)
6. Discussion on new information received by PEBP since the March 22, 2018 Board meeting affecting the Saint Mary's and Carson Tahoe Health Medicare-Plus Reimbursement Model Pilot Program contracts and possible action to include but not limited to:
 - A. Moving forward with the Board approved contracts with Saint Mary's and Carson Tahoe Health;
 - B. Or:
 - 1) Halting/Discontinuing the pilot program, canceling the contract with Saint Mary's, and withdrawing the request for the contract to be included for consideration by the Nevada Board of Examiners (**For Possible Action**);
 - 2) With respect to a proposed Carson-Tahoe pilot program discontinuation of contract negotiations (Damon Haycock, Executive Officer) (**For Possible Action**)

Items 5 & 6 were taken together

Board Action on Item 5 & 6

FIRST MOTION:

MOTION: Motion to move forward with the Board approved contracts with Saint Mary's and Carson Tahoe Health.

BY: Member Christine Zack

SECOND: Member Tom Verducci

IN FAVOR: Member Chris Cochran, Member Tom Verducci, Member Christine Zack

OPPOSED: Member Ana Andrews, Vice Chair Don Bailey, Chair Patrick Cates, Member Linda Fox, Member Leah Lamborn, Member John Packham, Member Glenn Shippey

VOTE: Three in favor, seven opposed; the motion failed.

SECOND MOTION:

MOTION: Motion to move forward with staff recommendation.

BY: Member Chris Cochran

SECOND: Chair Patrick Cates

IN FAVOR: Member Ana Andrews, Vice Chair Don Bailey, Chair Patrick Cates, Member Chris Cochran, Member Linda Fox, Member Leah Lamborn, Member John Packham, Member Glenn Shippey, Member Tom Verducci

OPPOSED: Member Christine Zack

VOTE: Nine in favor, one opposed; the motion carried.

7. Public Comment

Public Comment in Carson City:

- Peggy Lear Bowen – Retiree Participant – Make sure that all records are kept open and public, and include north, south and rural populations in upcoming contracts. Empower Damon Haycock to negotiate and do not include state purchasing, PEBP needs its own voice and to be independent. Believes Governor Sandoval is wrong and may be receiving bad advice from those who have been in control in the past who want to maintain their control. Called to Patrick Cates to be a liaison to the Governor and not the one making the motions. Hopes the Board will revisit the idea of having an AG that works exclusively for PEBP.
- Mike Heit – State of Nevada Retiree

- Chair Patrick Cates – In response to Peggy Bowens comment, Chair Cates stated that he has never received instructions from the governor on how to vote on any issue. It is his understanding that Governor Sandoval wants the Board to conduct business as they see fit for the benefit of the members in accordance with the law.

Public Comment in Las Vegas:

- There was no public comment in Las Vegas.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.