

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
OPEN MINUTES
March 25, 2019
ELIZABETH'S CATERING
6:00 PM

Meeting of Executive Committee called to order by Chair Mevoli. Open Public Meetings notice read into record.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL OF 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Michael Mevoli, Chairman	Borough of Brooklawn	Present
M. Joseph Wolk, Secretary	Borough of Mt. Ephraim	Present
Louis Di Angelo	Borough of Bellmawr	Present
Terry Shannon	Borough of Barrington	Present
Jack Lipsett	Gloucester City	Present
Neal Rochford	Haddonfield	Absent
Edward Hill	CCBOSS	Present
Robert Maybury	Mount Holly MUA	Present

APPOINTED PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Executive Director/ Adm.	PERMA Risk Management Services Paul Laracy
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Program Manager	Conner Strong & Buckelew Brandon Lodics Maggie Friel
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Attorney	J. Kenneth Harris, Esq.
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Express Scripts	Kyle Colalillo
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Deputy Treasurer	Lorraine Verrill
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PRESENT FUND COMMISSIONERS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Lorraine Azzarano, Winslow Twp Fire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 25, 2019 Open

MOTION TO APPROVE OPEN MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2019:

Moved:	Commissioner DiAngelo
Second:	Commissioner Wolk
Vote:	Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FAST TRACK FINANCIAL REPORT - as of January 31, 2019

The Executive director stated that Commissioners should anticipate the online filing of the Financial Disclosure forms as both a Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund Commissioner, as well as any municipal related position that requires filing and Joint Insurance Fund. It is expected the Division of Local Government Services will distribute a notice in April and forms will need to be filed by April 30th. Executive director also stated the surplus for the year is over \$14 million dollars the fund is continuing to perform steadily.

PROGRAM MANAGERS REPORT

OPERATIONS UPDATES:

- **Online Enrollment System Training** - The Executive Committee voted and approved mandatory use of the online enrollment system by each member group. If you need training or would like a refresher course on the online enrollment system, please reach out to Karen Kidd at kkidd@permainc.com of PERMA.
- **Contact Information** - Please direct any eligibility, enrollment, billing or system related questions to our dedicated SNJREBF Team. The team can be reached by email at southernnj_enrollments@permainc.com or by fax at 856-685-2249.
- **Monthly Billing** - As a reminder, please be sure to check your monthly invoice for accuracy. If you find a discrepancy, please report it to the SNJREBF enrollment team. The Fund's policy is to limit retro corrections, *including terminations*, to 60 days. We have noticed an increase in requests for enrollment changes, billing changes, terminations and additions well past the 60 day time frame. Moving forward, it is of the utmost importance to review bills for rate and enrollment accuracy on a monthly basis. If there is an error, please bring it to the enrollment team's attention.
- **Broker Contact Information** - Please direct any escalated claims, benefit coverages, prescription coverage, Medicare advantage or appeal related questions to our dedicated SNJREBF Client Servicing Team. The team can be reached by email at brokerservices@permainc.com.
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FUND VITAL STATISTICS REPORT - Included in your agenda packet is a copy of the 2018 SNJREBF Vital Statistics Report and an Executive Summary for review.

AETNA UPDATES - Program manager stated that beginning 3/1/2019, Aetna is changing its policy regarding colorectal cancer screenings. To align with the American Cancer Society's current guidelines for average risk individuals, colorectal cancer screenings will be covered beginning at age 45 vs. the current policy of age 50.

AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS (AHA) UPDATES - No updates at this time.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS (ESI) UPDATES - Program manager stated that they have been advised that there

has been a change in classification for a class of drugs known as “PCSK9s” and include brand names Praluent and Repatha. These medications (which lower LDL or bad cholesterol) became widely available in 2015 and were originally classified as specialty drugs due to the high retail cost and concerns about efficacy, safety and adherence. Effective May 8th, ESI is reclassifying PCSK9 inhibitors as traditional medications which will reduce member cost-share and provide patients with increased retail pharmacy access options to obtain the medications. ESI will begin a communication campaign to impacted members:

- Beginning March 13th, members will be notified via email about the reclassification
- In April, letters will be sent to members who are currently filling scripts for these drugs through Accredo (ESI specialty pharmacy) offering members these options:
 1. Transfer current PCSK9 scripts to their retail pharmacy by contacting Accredo and requesting the transfer.
 2. Request a new script from their doctor to have filled at their in-network retail pharmacy.

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEGISLATIVE MANDATE UPDATES

No updates to report at this time

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORIZATIONS

No Administrative Authorization at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Deputy Treasurer reviewed the March 2019 Bills List.

Resolution #14-19 - March 2019 Bills List

FY2018	\$14.61
FY2019	\$604,385.79
Total	\$604,400.40

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-19 APPROVING THE March 2019 BILLS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$604,400.40.

Moved: Commissioner DiAngelo
 Second: Commissioner Wolk
 Vote: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TREASURERS REPORT:

Moved: Commissioner DiAngelo
 Second: Commissioner Shannon
 Vote: Unanimous

FUND ATTORNEY: Fund Attorney stated that governor Murphy is proposing that New Jersey creates its own state based health market place exchange. The state has been participating in the federal funded marketplace.

AETNA: Not present report included in agenda on page 14.

AMERIHEALTH: Not present report included in agenda on page 19.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS: Mr. Colalillo said the change plan cost per member per month went down 7.3%. Plan cost PMPM is \$138.31. The January trend PMPM is out performing January of last year by 6.8%. The specialty plan cost per member was relatively low for this month compared to other months.

DENTAL ADMINISTRATOR: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved:	Commissioner Wolk
Second:	Commissioner Rochford
Vote:	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED:

NEXT MEETING: MAY 20, 2019

Shah Mapp , Assisting Secretary
for

JOSEPH WOLK, SECRETARY