

HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD INAUGURAL MEETING

MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 31, 2012

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**WOOLFOLK STATE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM 145
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mike Chaney, Commissioner of Insurance

II. Call to order: Aaron Sisk, Senior Staff Attorney, Mississippi Insurance Department

III. Roll Call: Katie Gilchrist, Attorney, Adams and Reese, LLP

• **Board Members present:**

Geroldean Dyse

Robert Pugh

Therese Hanna

Mary Werner

Roy Mitchell

Teresa Planch

Lawrence Kissner

Joel Jasper

Dr. Claude Brunson

Bill Oliver

Lee Ann Griffin

Stephanie Barnes Taylor

Gary Ben

• **Attendees:**

Cheryl Smith, Dan Schuyler, Brett Graham, and Laura Summers - Leavitt
Partners, LLC

David Wright and Scott Hardy - Cicero Group

John MacBain and Matt McAllister - Actuarial Resources Corporation of Georgia

IV. **Mississippi Approach and National Perspective Presentation: Aaron Sisk, Director, Mississippi Insurance Department Life and Health Actuarial Division**

Mr. Sisk thanked the Exchange Advisory Board (“EAB”) for volunteering to serve on the Board and then provided an overview of what functions the Board will serve. Mr. Sisk went on to discuss what a health insurance exchange is and what requirements the Exchange would have to meet by January, 1, 2014. The presentation included details regarding the Mississippi Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association and what their responsibilities will be in operating the Exchange.

V. **PPACA Primer: Impetus and Rationale for a State Health Insurance Exchange Presentation: Cheryl Smith, Leavitt Partners**

Ms. Smith gave an overview and background presentation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“PPACA”). A copy of the presentation was included in the Inaugural Meeting binder prepared for the Board members.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Sisk fielded general questions from the Board members.

VI. **Survey Results & Highlights of Preparing for the Mississippi Health Benefit Exchange: Final Report Presentation**

Representatives from Leavitt Partners and Cicero Group provided results from market research conducted across the State on behalf of the Mississippi Insurance Department. The purpose of the market research was to provide a quantitative view of the uninsured market in Mississippi. Data was provided for each of Mississippi’s eighty-two (82) counties as well as sixteen (16) select cities. Data used in the report came from the United States Census Bureau’s 2005-2009, American Community Survey Year Estimates. Copies of the presentation were included in the Inaugural Meeting binder prepared for the Board members, along with a copy of Leavitt Partners’ Final Report.

Mr. Sisk and Mr. Schuyler (Leavitt Partners) answered questions from the Advisory Board members regarding information technology vendors for the Exchange, how

these vendors will be selected and how we should move forward amidst uncertainty surrounding PPACA.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

VII. Role and Process of the Exchange Advisory Board

Meetings will be conducted monthly in Jackson, MS, as well as other parts of the State. Dates, times and locations of the meetings for the Advisory Board will be published on the Mississippi Insurance Department website.

Mr. Sisk discussed the role and process of the Exchange Advisory Board and subcommittees. The Commissioner, or his designee, will serve as the Chair of this Board. The Board and its respective subcommittees will make recommendations to MID on Exchange policy related issues and assist MID in developing rules and regulations for the Exchange. MID staff will determine what issues each subcommittee should address. MID will help coordinate all the subcommittee meetings. It was stated that members will be able to assign a proxy to attend meetings should they be unavailable. MID staff will facilitate the meetings.

The Board members were asked to have an introductory meeting with their respective subcommittees to discuss this Advisory Board meeting and provide an overview of what their responsibilities will be.

Mr. Sisk and Ms. Smith answered questions from Board Members regarding funding for the Exchange, support from the Governor, constitutional challenges, privacy and policy making.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.