

**Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Meeting
May 27, 2021
Meeting Summary
([see full transcript for more details](#))**

Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Members in Attendance:

Dr. Larry deGhetaldi, Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Jen Flory, Western Center on Law and Poverty
John Grgurina, Jr., San Francisco Health Plan
Dr. Theodore Mazer, Independent Physician
Dr. Jeff Rideout, Integrated Healthcare Association
Mary Watanabe, Department of Managed Health Care

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Staff in Attendance:

Sara Cain, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Review
Sarah Ream, General Counsel
Jordan Stout, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Staff Present:

René Mollow, Deputy Director for Health Care Benefits and Eligibility at the Department of Health Care Services

Agenda Item 1 - Welcome & Introductions

(Transcript, P. 5-6)

Chairperson John Grgurina called the meeting to order, reviewing housekeeping notes for attendees and Board members.

Agenda Item 2 - Transcript from February 24, 2021 FSSB Meeting (Transcript, P.7)

Mr. Grgurina asked if there were any changes to the February 24, 2021, FSSB meeting transcript. Motion to approve transcript by Dr. Larry deGhetaldi, seconded by Dr. Ted Mazer. The Board approved the February 24, 2021 transcript.

Agenda Item 3 - Department of Health Care Services Update (Transcript, P. 7-34)

René Mollow, Deputy Director for Health Care Benefits and Eligibility at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), provided an update on the Medi-Cal Rx project, telehealth, and the department's response to COVID-19.

Agenda Item 4 - Director's Remarks

(Transcript, P. 34-44)

Director Mary Watanabe discussed the Department's organizational changes which included her confirmation as Director as well as the appointments of Dan Southard as

the Chief Deputy Director, Rachel Long as Deputy Director of the Help Center, and Nathan Nau as the Deputy Director of the Office of Plan Monitoring. Ms. Watanabe provided a brief overview of the health care related items in the Governor's May revision to the budget. She also provided an update on the Health Equity and Quality Proposal and the Department's response to COVID-19.

Agenda Item 5 - Role of the FSSB and Future Priorities (Transcript, P. 44-57)

Ms. Watanabe briefly discussed the history and role of the FSSB as well as the topics covered at the meetings. Ms. Watanabe also highlighted a letter from America's Physician Groups (APG), which was provided to the Board in November and included suggestions for future areas of focus for the Board.

Agenda Item 6 - Federal Update (Transcript, P. 57-61)

Sarah Ream, General Counsel, provided two federal updates including subsidies for Cal-COBRA and COBRA as well as health plan coverage for COVID-19 testing.

Agenda Item 7 - Large Group Aggregate Rates and Prescription Drug Costs
(Transcript, P. 61-68)

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director of the Office of Financial Review, provided an overview of the large group aggregate rates and prescription drug cost information submitted by health plans for measurement year 2020 and discussed the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Report for measurement year 2019.

Agenda Item 8 - Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
(Transcript, P. 69 – 79)

Ms. Dutt presented the Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans report for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 and highlighted the enrollment and financial information for Local Initiatives, County Organized Health Systems and Non-Governmental Medi-Cal plans.

Agenda Item 9 - Provider Solvency Quarterly Update (Transcript, P. 79-87)

Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review, provided an update on the financial solvency of Risk Bearing Organizations (RBOs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

Agenda Item 10 - Health Plan Quarterly Update (Transcript, P. 87-92)

Ms. Dutt presented an update on the financial status of health plans for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

Agenda Item 11 - Public Comment on Matter not on the Agenda (Transcript, P. 92)

Mr. Grgurina asked for public comment on items not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 12 - Agenda Items for Future Meetings (Transcript, P. 92)

Mr. Grgurina asked for agenda items for future meetings. There were no requests for future agenda items. Ms. Watanabe noted Dr. Jeff Rideout would provide an update on the Health Care Cost and Quality Atlas at the August meeting.

Agenda Item 13 - Closing Remarks/Next Steps (Transcript, P. 93)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021.