



**Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Meeting  
February 23, 2022  
Meeting Summary  
([see full transcript for more details](#))**

**Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Members in Attendance:**

Dr. Larry deGhetaldi, Palo Alto Medical Foundation  
Paul Durr, Sharp Community Medical Group  
Scott Coffin, Alameda Alliance for Health  
Abbi Coursolle, National Health Law Program  
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:**

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Review  
Scott Ostermiller, Attorney III, Office of Legal Services  
Sarah Ream, Chief Counsel  
Jordan Stout, Staff Services Manager I  
Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review

**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Staff Present:**

Lindy Harrington, Deputy Director for Health Care Financing

**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions** (Transcript, P. 4 – 5)

Chairperson Larry deGhetaldi called the meeting to order, reviewing housekeeping notes for attendees and Board members. Dr. deGhetaldi also welcomed Scott Coffin and Abbi Coursolle to the Board.

**Agenda Item 2 – [Transcript & Meeting Summary from November 17, 2021 FSSB Meeting](#)** (Transcript, P. 6)

Dr. deGhetaldi asked if there were any changes to the November 17, 2021, FSSB meeting transcript and summary. Motion to approve the transcript and meeting summary by Paul Durr, seconded by Ted Mazer. The Board approved the November 17, 2021, transcript.

**Agenda Item 3 – Director’s Remarks** (Transcript, P. 7 – 12)

Director Mary Watanabe discussed the Health and Human Services items in Governor Newsom’s fiscal year 2022-23 budget, provided an update on Centene’s acquisition of

Magellan, highlighted the findings of the DMHC Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Report, and the Department’s response to COVID-19.

**Agenda Item 4 – [Overview of Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Requirements](#)**  
(Transcript, P. 13 – 19)

Scott Ostermiller, Attorney III, Office of Legal Services, provided a brief overview of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

**Agenda Item 5 – [Department of Health Care Services Update](#)** (Transcript, P. 20 – 36)

Lindy Harrington, Deputy Director for Health Care Financing at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), provided an update on the DHCS budget proposals, the Medi-Cal managed care procurement, and California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM).

**Agenda Item 6 – [Regulations Update](#)** (Transcript, P. 37 – 42)

Sarah Ream, Chief Counsel, provided an update on regulations that recently went into effect and those currently in process. Ms. Ream also discussed eight regulations that are not yet in the formal rulemaking process.

**Agenda Item 7 – [Federal Update](#)** (Transcript, P. 43 – 51)

Ms. Ream provided an update on the new federal requirement for commercial plans to cover at least eight over the counter COVID-19 tests per enrollee per month and the No Surprises Act.

**Agenda Item 8 – [Dental Medical Loss Ratio](#)** (Transcript, P. 52 – 56)

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Review, provided an overview of the 2020 Dental Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) data submitted by health plans on July 31, 2021. Health plans that offer commercial dental coverage and contract directly with enrollees or employer groups are required to annually file the dental MLR data.

**Agenda Item 9 – [Provider Solvency Quarterly Update](#)** (Transcript, P. 57 – 66)

Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review, provided an update on the financial solvency of Risk Bearing Organizations (RBOs) for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

**Agenda Item 10 – [Health Plan Quarterly Update](#)** (Transcript, P. 67 – 72)

Ms. Dutt presented an update on the financial status of health plans for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

**Agenda Item 11 – Public Comments on Matters not on the Agenda** (Transcript, P. 73)

Dr. deGhetaldi 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. 74 – 77)

Dr. deGhetaldi asked for agenda items for future meetings. The Board requested the following items:

- Rising cost of specialty drugs, the impact on the provider community, and who is at risk.
- Periodic update on Independent Dispute Resolution Process (IDRP) requests, including the frequency, specific plans, and the outcomes.
- Update from the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) report on the Office of Health Care Affordability and the Health Care Payments Database (HPD).
- The impact of CalAIM initiatives on health plan risk by plan and by county. In addition, the Board would like to better understand the counties where there will be Local Initiatives (LIs) and County Organized Health Systems (COHS).

**Agenda Item 13 – Closing Remarks/Next Steps**

(Transcript, P. 78)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022.