



Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Meeting
November 15, 2023
Meeting Summary
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Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Members in Attendance:

Dr. Jeff Rideout, Integrated Healthcare Association
Abbi Coursolle, National Health Law Program
Paul Durr, Sharp Community Medical Group
Dr. Mark Kogan, Independent Physician
Jarrod McNaughton, Inland Empire Health Plan
Dr. David Seidenwurm, Sutter Physicians Alliance
Mary Watanabe, Department of Managed Health Care

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

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Review
Amanda Levy, Deputy Director, Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations
Sarah Ream, Chief Counsel
Jordan Stout, Staff Services Manager I, Office of Financial Review
Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Staff Present:

Bambi Cisneros, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Delivery Systems
René Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility

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

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

Agenda Item 2 – Transcript from August 16, 2023 FSSB Meeting (Transcript, P. 6)

Dr. Rideout asked if there were any changes to the August 16, 2023, FSSB meeting transcript and summary. Motion to approve the transcript by Jarrod McNaughton, seconded by Mark Kogan. The Board approved the August 16, 2023 transcript.

Agenda Item 3 – Director’s Remarks (Transcript, P. 7 – 18)

Director Mary Watanabe announced that it would be the last meeting for Amy Yao and thanked her for her service to the Board. Ms. Watanabe provided an update on the Kaiser settlement agreement, the results of the first phase of the behavioral health

investigations, the Health Equity and Quality Initiative, the Transgender, Gender Diverse or Intersex (TGI) Working Group, and regulations that are in the formal rulemaking process. Sarah Ream, Chief Counsel, provided an overview of an All-Plan Letter (APL) regarding Senate Bill (SB) 510 and coverage of COVID services.

Agenda Item 4 – Board Member Solicitation (Transcript, P. 19)

Ms. Watanabe announced that with Ms. Yao’s exit from the Board, the DMHC will release a solicitation looking for applicants to participate as a Board Member. The new Board Member will join the FSSB in February 2024.

Agenda Item 5 – [Department of Health Care Services Update](#) (Transcript, P. 20 – 51)

Bambi Cisneros, Assistant Deputy Director, Health Care Delivery Systems and René Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility provided an overview of the 2024 Managed Care Plan (MCP) contract, Kaiser’s direct contract, the status of Medi-Cal redeterminations, and the expansion of coverage for adults beginning in January 2024.

Agenda Item 6 – [Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans](#)
(Transcript, P. 52 – 55)

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director of the Office of Financial Review, presented the Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans report for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, and highlighted the enrollment and financial information for Local Initiatives, County Organized Health Systems and Non-Governmental Medi-Cal plans.

Agenda Item 7 – Legislative Update (Transcript, P. 56 – 59)

Amanda Levy, Deputy Director, Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations, provided an overview of the bills signed by the Governor and briefly discussed the Department’s implementation activities.

Agenda Item 8 – [2022 Risk Adjustment Transfer](#) (Transcript, P. 60 – 63)

Ms. Dutt provided a summary of the risk adjustment transfers and high-cost risk pool payments for 2022 for plans regulated by the DMHC and the California Department of Insurance (CDI).

Agenda Item 9 – [2024 Premium Rate](#) (Transcript, P. 64 – 68)

Ms. Dutt gave a brief overview of the 2024 rates for the individual market. Ms. Dutt noted the average rate increase for 2024 was 10.4 percent for Individual Group Plans, 8.4 percent for Small Group Plans and 11.5 percent for Large Group Plans.

Agenda Item 10 – [Provider Solvency Quarterly Update](#) (Transcript, P. 69 – 75)

Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review, provided an update on the financial solvency of Risk Bearing Organizations (RBOs) for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

Agenda Item 11 – [Health Plan Quarterly Update](#) (Transcript, P. 76 – 79)

Ms. Dutt presented the financial status of health plans for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

Agenda Item 12 – [2024 Meeting Schedule](#) (Transcript, P. 80)

Ms. Watanabe announced the following dates for the 2024 FSSB meetings: February 28, May 8, August 14, and November 6.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comments on Matters not on the Agenda (Transcript, P. 81)

Dr. Rideout asked for public comment on items not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Agenda Items for Future Meetings (Transcript, P. 82 – 84)

Dr. Rideout asked for agenda items for future meetings. The Board requested continued updates from DHCS, the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and the Office Health Care Affordability (OHCA), and Covered California. The Board also requested a presentation on the Integrated Healthcare Association's Health Care Cost and Quality Atlas.

Agenda Item 15 – Closing Remarks/Next Steps (Transcript, P. 85)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2024.