

**CENTRAL JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
OPEN MINUTES
March 20, 2019
BRIELLE BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1:30 PM**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Thomas Nolan. The Open Public Meeting notice read into record.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRPERSON		
Thomas Nolan	Borough of Brielle	Present
SECRETARY		
William Rieker	Township of Lakewood	Present
EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEE	
Joseph Gilsenan	Township of Brick	Present
Diane Lapp	Township of Manchester	Absent
Adam Hubeny	Borough of Atlantic Highlands	Present
Donato Nieman	Township of Montgomery	Present
Brian Valentino	Western Monmouth MUA	Present
ALTERNATES:		
Brian Brach	Manasquan RRSA	Present
Brian Dempsey	Spring Lake	Absent

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director/Administrator	PERMA Risk Management Services	Paul Laracy Emily Koval	Present Present
Program Manager	Conner Strong & Buckelew	Brandon Lodics Marybeth Visconti	Present Present
Attorney	Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson	Jack Sahradnik	Present
Treasurer		Stephen Mayer	Present
Network & Medical Claims Service	Qualcare Inc.	Gary Epstein	Present
Network & Medical Claims Service	Aetna	Joseph Rodrigues	Present
Dental Claims Service	Delta Dental	Amy Lehrer	Absent
Rx Administrator	Express Scripts	Kyle Colalillo Ken Rostkowski	Present Present
Auditor	Holman & Frenia	Lauren Holman	Absent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Trina Lindsey, Bedminster Township
John Casagrande, Danskin Agency
Charles Casagrande, Danskin Agency
Doreen Hoffman, Borough of Red Bank

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 16, 2019 OPEN:

MOTION TO APPROVE OPEN MINUTES OF January 16, 2019:

MOTION:	Commissioner Nieman
SECOND:	Commissioner Rieker
VOTE:	Unanimous

ROLL CALL OF 2019 FUND COMMISSIONERS:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL FAST TRACK - Executive Director reviewed the Financial Fast Track through January 31, 2019 which showed everything running well. He said January was a very profitable month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - We will schedule a Finance Committee meeting for April to discuss dividend options. The CJHIF continues to perform very strongly so we may be able to have preliminary discussions on the 2020 budget as well.

MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND - The Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund met on February 20th to reorganize for 2019. Other highlights from the meeting:

1. **Aggregate** -The Schools HIF has become so large that the cost for a \$10 million aggregate limit has become less attractive. In lieu of the SHIF removing this limit, which may increase the cost to the other Funds, the MRHIF Committee approved eliminating the aggregate premium overhead expense. To date, the Aggregate insurance premium was approximately \$0.75 pepm lower than what was passed through the budget. This will be removed for all Funds effective July 1, 2019.
2. **Audits** - ESI Market check, Qualcare and Amerihealth claim audits will begin this year.
3. **Marketing** - The Marketing Consultant was awarded another year in a three year contract. A report of 2018 marketing accomplishments was sent to the membership.

INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENTS- On November 1, 2018 PERMA sent Indemnity and Trust Agreements and Resolutions to be adopted by the governing body to renew membership with the Fund for an additional 3 years. Below is a list of members who have renewing agreements due by December 31, 2018 and older. Please reach out to PERMA (emilyk@permainc.com) for a blank form to be executed.

MEMBER	Agreement Termination Date
Western Monmouth MUA	12/31/2017
Oceanport	6/30/2018
Borough of Red Bank	12/31/2018
Englishtown Borough	12/31/2018
Manchester Township	12/31/2018
Borough of South River	12/31/2018
Brick Housing Authority	12/31/2018
Brick MUA	12/31/2018
Harvey Cedars	12/31/2018

2019 MEL & MR HIF EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR - The 9th annual seminar is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ. The seminar qualifies for an extensive list of Continuing Educational Credits including CFO/CMFO, Public Works, Clerks, Insurance Producers and Purchasing Agents. There is no fee for employees and insurance producers associated with MEL and MR HIF members as well as personnel who work for service companies that are engaged by MEL member JIFs and MR HIF member HIFs.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS - The State's Financial Disclosure Statement online system will be open the first week of April for filing. Please look out for an email from PERMA regarding your filing for the HIF. Commissioners MUST file for both HIFs and JIFs.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

ELIGIBILITY/ENROLLMENT: Please direct any eligibility, enrollment, or system related questions to our dedicated CJHIF enrollment team. The team can be reached by email at cjhifenrollments@permainc.com or by fax at 856-552-2175.

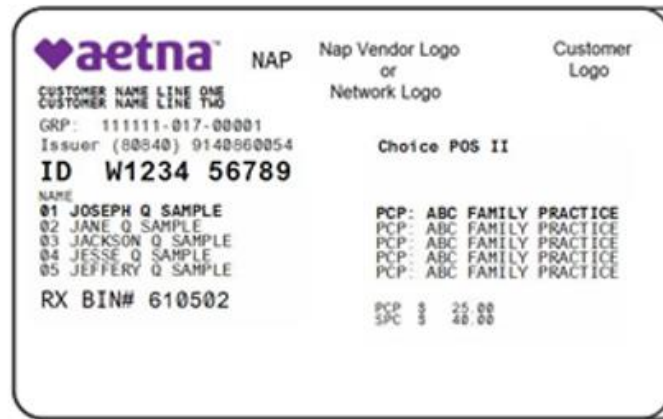
MONTHLY BILLING - As a reminder, please be sure to check your monthly invoice for accuracy. *Please confirm the invoice detail as retro adjustments are limited to two months by Fund policy.* If you find a discrepancy, please report it to the CJHIF eligibility/enrollment team cjhifenrollments@permainc.com or by fax at 856-552-2175.

BROKER CONTACT INFORMATION - Please direct any escalated claims, benefit coverages, prescription coverage, Medicare advantage or appeal related questions to our dedicated CJHIF Client Servicing Team. The team can be reached by email at brokerservices@permainc.com.

MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND (MRHIF) - 2019 MEL & MRHIF Educational Seminar is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd. The workshop will be held at the National Conference Center in East Windsor and will begin at 9:00 am. The workshop provides professional Continuing Education credits for CFOs/CMFOs, Public Works, Municipal Clerks, Insurance Producers and Purchasing Agents. There is no fee for employees and insurance producers associated with MEL and MRHIF members as well as personnel who work for service companies engaged by MEL member JIFs and MRHIF member HIFs to attend and earn CE credits. The registration form for the Seminar is included in this agenda.

AETNA UPDATES

- Aetna is rebranding their ID Cards to incorporate their new partnership with CVS. Beginning this month, Aetna ID cards will look like the below. After March, members who request new/additional ID Cards, or new groups joining the Fund will begin receiving the new version. Members currently enrolled can continue to use their current ID Cards and will not require a new one.



- CVS/Aetna is now offering a value added discount program for any group that has Aetna Medicare Advantage with Rx participants, the enrollees will be receiving the attached flyer CVS Enhanced ExtraCare Card communication. Enrollees in these plans are offered an opportunity to take advantage of 20% discount on CVS brand products such as – vitamins, eye drops, first aid supplies, etc. Enrollees may take advantage of these savings at their own discretion. The attached flyer and savings card were sent out to Aetna Medicare enrollees the first week of February.
- **Clinical Policy Update** - Beginning 3/1/2019, Aetna is changing its policy regarding colorectal cancer screenings. Colorectal cancer screenings will be covered beginning at age 45 to align with the American Cancer Society's current guidelines for average risk individuals. Current policy is age 50.
- **Cancer Care Support** - Also beginning this month, Aetna is offering a new member resource on their website for cancer patients. The "Cancer Care Support Center is designed to assist members and their loved ones in navigating a cancer diagnosis. Included in your agenda is a flyer with more information on this new resource.

ESI UPDATE - We 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 PCKS9 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.

CLAIM APPEAL – Claim Appeal 01-19-01 was discussed at the last meeting in which the Program Manager was given direction to review the claim appeal at the IRO level, which approved the requested expense as a medically necessary device. This appeal was approved.

VITAL STATISTICS - Ms. Visconti review the vital stastics through December 31, 2018 which were included with the agenda. In summary, the Fund had a very positive year and the trends are negative or under 5% in each line of coverage. Overall, the Fund is performing better than expected.

TREASURER – Report distributed to the members.

February 2019 – Confirmation of Payment

FUND YEAR 2019	\$328,061.02
TOTAL ALL FUND YEARS	\$328,061.02

March 2019 – Resolution 14-19

FUND YEAR 2018	\$4,587.37
FUND YEAR 2019	\$617,482.11
TOTAL ALL FUND YEARS	\$622,069.48

ATTORNEY: No report

QUALCARE: Mr. Epstein reviewed the Qualcare report which showed total claims paid by plan through February 2018.

AETNA: Mr. Rodrigues reviewed the monthly claims and high claimant report. In addition, he said the call service Performance Guarantee from 2018 was missed and Aetna will work with PERMA to return the administration fees that were put at risk.

AMERIHEALTH: Ms. Strain stated that there was an increase in February paid medical claims. There were no large claims over \$50,000.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS: Mr. Colalillo reviewed the report included in the agenda which showed a 15.7% decrease trend January through December. Mr. Colalillo stated that drugs known as “PCS9” are being reclassified as non-specialty, in which members will receive notification about the reclassification March 13th.

DELTA DENTAL: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS DISCUSSED:

MOTION:	Commissioner Nieman
SECOND:	Commissioner Hubeny
VOTE:	8 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

MOTION:	Chair Nolan
SECOND:	Commissioner Gilsenan
VOTE:	Unanimous

MEETING ADJOURNED: