

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH MEETING
October 9, 2008**

Members Present

Richard Holmes, Chairman
Ross Mason, Vice Chairman (via phone)
Kim Gay, Secretary
Dr. Inman C. "Buddy" English
Dr. Ann McKee Parker
Richard Robinson (via phone)
Archer Rose

Members Absent

Raymond Riddle

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner, was present also. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the August 28, 2008 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED.

Committee Reports

Kim Gay, Chairman of the Care Management Committee, reported the following: Dr. Jerry Dubberly gave an update on the Managed Care Section; Dr. Dev Nair discussed a dental audit; and Lovey Barnes and Dr. Dubberly briefed the Committee on Managed Care issues and upcoming conferences.

Commissioner's Comments

Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of DCH, introduced Dr. Jerry Dubberly, the new State Medicaid Director, and Doug Colburn, former Inspector General, who will assist in the HHS reorganization. Dr. Medows said the Department continues to work on administrative efficiencies and reductions to address revenue limitations.

Department Updates

Nancy Goldstein, Chief, State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), gave an update on the Resolution passed at the August 14 Meeting. She called to the Board's attention a revised Attachment A which lists the SHBP Employee premium rates for Calendar Year 2009. She said the Department accidentally omitted the retiree rates from last month's resolution. Ms. Goldstein recalled that the Resolution enabled the Department to pass on savings to the members and encourage participation in the consumerism plans. She said the revised Attachment A applies the same philosophy—no rate increase to the consumerism plans which includes the High Deductible health plan and the Health Reimbursement Arrangement. Ms. Gay MADE a MOTION to approve the Resolution – State Health Benefit Plan Employee Rates for CY 2009 Plan Year from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and revised Attachment A to include retiree rates. Dr. Parker SECONDED the MOTION. Chairman Holmes called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (Copies of the Resolution – State Health Benefit Plan Employee Rates for CY 2009 Plan Year from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and revised Attachment A are attached hereto and made official parts of these minutes as Attachments # 3 and 4 respectively).

Dr. Jerry Dubberly presented the two public notices and summarized the oral and written public comments. The first public notice, Community Care Services Program (CCSP), called for the rescission of the 3% reimbursement rate increase that was

approved at the July 10 board meeting. Dr. Parker MADE a MOTION to approve the Community Care Services Program Public Notice. Ms. Gay SECONDED the MOTION. Chairman Holmes called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Community Care Services Program Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 5).

The second public notice calls for delaying the effective date from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009, for FY 09 provider rate enhancements for Nursing Facilities, Dentists, Physicians, Healthcheck, Digital Mammography, Inpatient Hospitals, Outpatient Hospitals, Home Health, Independent Care Waiver Program and Emergency Ambulance (subject to state fund availability and federal approval). Dr. Parker MADE a MOTION to approve the Public Notice. Mr. Rose SECONDED the MOTION. Chairman Holmes called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 6).

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Holmes adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE _____
DAY OF

_____, 2008.

RICHARD L. HOLMES
Chairman

KIM GAY
Secretary

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Resolution - SHBP Employee Rates for CY 2009 Plan Year
- #4 Attachment A to Resolution
- #5 CCSP Public Notice
- #6 Public Notice (delaying HB 990 Enhancements)