

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholders Commission

September 23, 2013, 9:00 AM

Gold's Building, Room 534

1033 O St, Lincoln, NE 68508

Call to Order – JJ Green, Chairperson

James (JJ) Green called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Announcement made announcing that the Open Meetings Act information was posted in the back of the meeting room as required by state law.

Roll Call – JJ Green, Chairperson

Patrick Booth - Present
Craig Buescher - Present
Shari Flowers - Present
James Green - Present
Michael Groene - Present
Laura Gyhra - Present
Kyle Kollmorgan - Present
Britt Thedinger - Present
Sherry Wupper - Present
Director Bruce Ramage – Present
Director Vivianne Chaumont - Present

In addition to the Committee the following were also present: Ruth Vineyard, Martin Swanson, Eric Dunning and JP Sabby.

Welcome – JJ Green, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes - JJ Green, Chairperson

Move to approve August meeting minutes.

Patrick Booth - Yes
Craig Buescher - Yes
Shari Flowers - Yes
James “JJ” Green - Yes
Michael Groene - Yes
Laura Gyhra - Yes
Kyle Kollmorgan - Yes
Britt Thedinger - Yes
Sherry Wupper - Yes

Self-introduction of Commission Members

New commission member Shari Flowers

New Business

Briefing by Department of Insurance staff – Jp Sabby

- Nebraska Department of Insurance has been conducting Stakeholder Engagement meetings across Nebraska. Biggest question received was “how the marketplace would affect individuals”. Questions about rates were also raised.
- The PowerPoint presentation that was presented to the committee at August’s meeting was updated. Website address has been added more “user” friendly language was added. The updated PowerPoint presentation has been posted online at <http://www.doi.nebraska.gov/aca/ACA%20Presentation%209%206%2013.pdf>
- Nebraska Department of Insurance will be going to Grand Island, Kearney, S. Sioux City, Omaha and Nebraska City to host public engagement sessions.
- A press release, radio announcement, emails and online calendars, will notify the public of these upcoming meetings.
- Contracts to participate on the Exchange were approved on Sept 14th, for: Coventry, BCBS, CoOpportunity Health and Health Alliance.
- October 1st is the start date given by CMS.
- People who are in the individual market can still participate through the Marketplace. Majority of people in the Marketplace will be tax credit eligible.
- NDOI has been trying to get a list of Federally Approved agents from the Federal Government and will post the list as soon as it is received. They will also be posting a list of all Navigators with contact information.
- Tax credit is based on each individual family member. After 3 children it becomes a family rate.
- If open enrollment is missed, the individual will not be eligible for a tax credit.

Briefing by Department of Health and Human Services staff: Ruth Vineyard

- Medicaid Agency will be accepting applications on October 1, 2013 for Exchange. Application is available on website.
- Developing agreements with Federal Marketplace.
- Account transfer between Medicaid agency and Marketplace will not go live on October 1, 2013. Electronic testing connection will start October 21, 2013. It has been delayed until November 2013. Will be receiving updates weekly. Due to delay, the “No wrong door” will be changed to “Better door”.
- Have hired an additional 100 people.
- Payments do not go through the Exchange. Payments are between individual and insurance company.

Discussion of member goals for the Commission

Questions and Comments from Commission members

- **Patrick Booth**

Q: How much ability does the committee have to meet the requirements listed in the statute?

A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) The report is due December 1, 2013. The report will explain the status of the Federally Facilitated Marketplace in Nebraska.

- **Craig Buescher** – Expressed concern about Navigator program reporting. The committees report should reflect who is signing up for the Marketplace, as well as how many people are losing their insurance.
Q: Why is there not anyone here to present from the Navigator community?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) They attended the first meeting and had the opportunity to attend today.
- **Shari Flowers** - Questions about what is required for the report due on December 1, 2013.
- **James Green** - Would like more clarification on the statute.
- **Michael Groene**
Q: What budget are we in charge of?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) The budget is through the NDOI. You will receive re-imbusement for travel.
Q: Are there any documents to show how finances will affect the State of Nebraska?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) Larger marketplace and the vast majority of dollars are federal dollars. We do not have access to what those dollars are. We do have documents to show grant funds.
Q: Is it the committee's responsibility to report on all Nebraskan's or just for those eligible for tax credit?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) NDOI is here to assist the committee. It is the responsibility of the committee to decide what to report on.
Q: Are you meeting with Chamber of Commerce's, small business, and trade organizations?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) NDOI has an open door policy and have met with a large number of trade organizations and different Chamber of Commerce. NDOI also have a quarterly meeting with small business administration.
- **Laura Gyhra**
Q: How will the committee know if the mission has been met for the committee? How will the marketing be handled, especially for Navigators? How will HSA's work?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) There have been regulations released on SHOP and NDOI is reviewing those regulations.
- **Kyle Kollmorgan** - Stated concerned with the amount of questions that are coming in. He gave 3 scenarios showing rate increases.
- **Britt Thedinger** - No comments
- **Sherry Wupper**
Q: Will the committee be meeting quarterly or monthly?
A: (Eric Dunning, NDOI) Meetings were scheduled due to the deadline for upcoming reports. Required to meet quarterly.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

Adoption of Future Meeting Dates

(All times 10:00 am-12:00 pm)

Next scheduled meeting November 6, 2013

10:00am – 12:00 pm

** Location has been changed for November 6, 2013 meeting to the State Office Building, Lower Level

Conference Room F. 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

Adjourn – 10:20 am