

Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Lansing Radisson, 111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (“MHEF”) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Rob Fowler.

Roll call

A quorum was determined based on the presence of the following Board Members:

Board Members present:

Rob Fowler
Lynn Alexander
Sue Jandernoa
Michael Williams
Tim Damschroder (by phone)
Cindy Estrada (by phone)
Keith Pretty (by phone)
Jim Murray (by phone)
Alexis Wiley (by phone)

Others present:

Paul Hillegonds
Terry Gardner
Julie Skubik
Hayley Roberts
Kari Sederburg
Duane Tarnacki – Clark Hill PLC (by phone)

Public Comment:

Sarah Slocum, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, spoke on behalf of aging and disability advocates, commending the Fund for reaching out regarding the Medigap subsidy and seeking input from groups representing beneficiaries. Ms. Slocum praised the “timely, strategic, and robust conversation” the Health Fund initiated with stakeholders.

Kari Sederburg spoke on behalf of Jo Murphy from the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). Ms. Murphy was unable to attend the meeting and wanted to express her appreciation to the Fund for reaching out to her regarding the subsidy. MMAP also looks forward to continuing its partnership with the Fund to ensure individuals are able to access the subsidy.

Kari Sederburg spoke on behalf of Mary Ablan from the Area Agencies on Aging of Michigan. Ms. Ablan was unable to attend the meeting and wanted to express her appreciation to MHEF for including the AAA's in the process. She and AAA look forward to a continued partnership.

Randy Walainis, a resident of Michigan, expressed his concern regarding the resources and education available to residents affected by the increase in insurance rates. Mr. Walainis was concerned that seniors do not have adequate support when deciding on a policy.

Medicare supplemental insurance subsidy program:

Terry Gardner described the overall program for the Fund's Medicare Supplemental Insurance Subsidy program. He described how all of the stakeholders worked through the process, and the key underlying structural tenets of the program, specifically the focus on those most vulnerable. Mr. Gardner then described the structure of the subsidies, and how the proposed amounts were determined. He also described the insurance carrier participation, as well as the timing of the program and application process.

The following motion was made by Board Member Estrada and seconded by Ms. Alexander:

Resolved, that for the purpose of administering the Fund's Medicare supplemental insurance subsidy program for 2017, a Medigap subsidy eligibility household income means test threshold of 150% of Federal Poverty Level be and it hereby is approved;

Resolved, that monthly premium subsidies to qualifying Medicare supplemental insurance policy holders be adopted as follows: under 65 years of age with disabilities: \$125; ages 65 to 75: \$40; ages above 75: \$65.

The vote passed nine to zero.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skubik
Secretary of the meeting