

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016-2017 Interim Session  
December 15, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman  
Representative Mark Abraham  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative James K. Armes, III  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Robert E. Billiot  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.  
Representative Charles R. Chaney  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Franklin J. Foil  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative Valarie Hodges  
Representative Katrina R. Jackson  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Julie Stokes  
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Bob Hensgens  
Representative Blake Miguez  
Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Steve E. Pylant  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative Scott M. Simon

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Katie Andress, Secretary  
Ms. Penny B. Bouquet, Administrative Secretary  
Mr. Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst  
Ms. Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

None

**III. DISCUSSION**

**Office of Group Benefits Contracts (OGB)**

Mr. Tommy Teague, Chief Executive Officer, OGB, 1201 North Third Street, Suite G-159, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, no telephone number provided, discussed and requested approval of the amendments to three contracts between OGB and Peoples Health; between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. (#253; #929); and the contract between OGB and MedImpact Healthcare Services, Inc. (See Exhibit A)

Representative Jackson offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. (#253). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, McFarland, Schroder, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. (#929). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, McFarland, Schroder, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Smith offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and Peoples Health. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, McFarland, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Smith offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and MedImpact Healthcare Services, Inc. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Harris, Hodges, Leger, McFarland, Schroder, Smith, and Stokes voted yea.

Present to provide information were Mr. Matthew Block, Executive Counsel, Governor's Office, 901 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-7015, and Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Personnel, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, (225) 342-7000.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the OGB Contracts is available upon request.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Armes offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 19 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Abraham, Amedée, Armes, Bacala, Bagley, Berthelot, Billiot, Carter, Chaney, Edmonds, Foil, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, McFarland, Schroder, and Smith voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry  
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