

Joint Committee on Health & Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2017 - 2018 Interim
September 20, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Frank A. Hoffmann, Chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the joint meeting to order in House Committee Room 5 in the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Frank Hoffmann, co-chairman
Representative Bob Hensgens, vice chairman
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Robert A. Johnson
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Julie Stokes

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr., co-chairman
Senator Regina Barrow, vice chairman
Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Senator Norbèrt N. "Norby" Chabert
Senator Dan Claitor
Senator Yvonne Colomb
Senator Dale M. Erdey
Senator W. Jay Luneau
Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Marcus L. Hunter
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Helena N. Moreno
Representative Jerome Richard

HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandi Cannon, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Felicie Jackson, secretary

SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Arbo Peck, attorney
Amanda S. Trapp, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Danny Leming, sergeant at arms
Fate Mitchell, Jr., sergeant at arms
Clarence Russ, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

- (a) In accordance with R.S. 39:198(I)(9), to consider a proposed one-year extension of the contract for Medicaid fiscal intermediary services between the Louisiana Department of Health and Molina Information Systems, LLC.

Representative Hoffmann explained the purpose of the meeting.

Dr. Rebekah Gee, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only. Dr. Gee provided handouts which are included in committee records; Exhibit A, a letter dated September 19, 2017, (Justification to Issue a Provider Management Solicitation for a proposal); and Exhibit B, a fact sheet for the Molina Contract Extension Request.

Jen Steele, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only.

Jeff Reynolds, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only.

Representative Hensgens offered a motion to approve the one-year extension of the contract for Medicaid fiscal intermediary services between the Louisiana Department of Health and Molina Information Systems, LLC. Without objection, the motion was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Hoffmann, Hensgens, Bagley, Chaney, Cox, Horton, Johnson, Pope, Stagni, and Stokes voted yea.

Senator Mills offered a motion to approve the one-year extension of the contract for Medicaid fiscal intermediary services between the Louisiana Department of Health and Molina Information Systems, LLC. Without objection, the motion was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Mills, Barrow, Boudreaux, Claitor, Colomb, Erdey, Luneau, and Price voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 0 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

- (b) Update from the Louisiana Department of Health on studies and reports assigned to the department through resolutions adopted in the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Representative Hoffmann asked the Louisiana Department of Health for a brief update.

Michelle Alletto, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9500, spoke to provide information only on the resolutions adopted in the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature. Ms. Alletto provided a handout, Exhibit C, a spreadsheet report of actions taken as a result of the resolutions. This exhibit is included in committee records.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 0 in support, 0 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Bruce Blaney, Supported Living Network, 474 N. Foster Dr, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806, (225) 924-7998, provided a handout, Exhibit D, Supported Living Network Response, which is included in committee records. Mr. Blaney spoke in depth about Senate Resolution No. 6 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature.

There were no witness cards submitted in support, opposition, nor for information.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The committees adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Hoffmann, chairman
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: