

**ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**221 West 2nd Street, SUITE 700**  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m., at 221 West 2nd Street, Suite 700, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Board members present:** Mr. Mike Castleberry, Chair; Dr. Jason Richey (Phone-In); Mr. Mark Meadors; Mr. Greg Hatcher (Phone-In); Ms. Sherrill Wise (Phone-In); Mr. Philip Gilmore; Mr. Brett Kirkman; Mr. John Womack; Mr. Randy Rogers; Mr. Allen Kerr; Rose Naff proxy for Ms. Cindy Gillespie

**CALL TO ORDER AND REMARKS**

**Mr. Castleberry** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. **Mr. Castleberry** welcomed **Rep. Ferguson**, Chair of the ALC Subcommittee charged with oversight of AHIM and asked if she would like to share any comments. **Rep. Ferguson** stated going forward she planned to attend AHIM Board meetings more frequently.

**NEW BOARD OFFICER SELECTION**

**Mr. Castleberry** reminded Board members of AHIM's Bylaw's which state Board officers would be elected each year at the last meeting in September. He requested nominees for new Board officers for Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. **Mr. Womack** motioned to nominate Greg Hatcher as Board Chair. **Mr. Randy Rogers** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Mr. Castleberry** asked for nominations for Vice Chair. **Mr. Hatcher** motioned to nominated Mr. Brett Kirkman for Vice Chair and Mr. Mark Meadors as Secretary/Treasurer and that any future positions are to roll up in succession order effective immediately. **Mr. Gilmore** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed. **Mr. Hatcher** agreed in allowing Mr. Castleberry to continue facilitating today's meeting.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT MINUTES**

**Mr. Castleberry** asked if the Board reviewed the previous 08/23/17 meeting minutes and asked if there are any corrections or changes. **Mr. Womack** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Kirkman** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE**

**Ms. Lowther** provided an update on the 2018 Open Enrollment plan, Budget, and Plan Year 2019 User Fee recommendation. **Ms. Lowther** recommended to the Board that AHIM should increase its assessment fee to 0.25% to remain financially independent in 2019. **Mr. Gilmore** motioned to accept AHIM staff's recommendation. **Mr. Womack** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Mr. Castleberry** stated that the Personnel Committee has usually been chaired by the AHIM Board Chair in the past. He made a motion for Mr. Hatcher to Chair the Personnel Committee. **Mr. Womack** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Mr. Castleberry** made a motion that Mr. Womack serves as chair of the Financial Management and Sustainability Committee. **Mr. Gilmore** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Mr. Castleberry** recommended that Mr. Meadors remain chair of the Marketing and Outreach Committee. He also recommended that Mr. Kirkman remain chair of the Consumer Assistance Committee. **Mr. Castleberry** asked if Mr. Hatcher would like to continue as Chair of Plan Management. **Mr. Hatcher** asked if anyone was interested in the role of Plan Management Committee Chair. **Mr. Castleberry** asked if there are any recommendation for Chair of Plan Management. There were no volunteers, Mr. Castleberry agreed to chair the committee until further notice.

**Mr. Meadors** provided an update from the Marketing and Outreach Committee with recommendations to the Board for the 2018 Open enrollment budget. **Mr. Womack** motioned to accept the recommendation for the 2018 Marketing and Outreach budget in the amount of \$1,251,809. **Mr. Gilmore** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Mr. Hatcher** provided an update from the Plan Management Committee and recommendation for PY2018 QHP Plan certifications to the Board. **Mr. Meadors** stated the alias for Blue Cross Blue Shield will be represented as USABLE. **Mr. Meadors** motioned to accept the recommendations for the PY2018 certifications. **Mr. Gilmore** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Mr. Castleberry** provided an update from the Personnel Committee and informed Board members of the committee recommendation that Ms. Lowther remain as Interim Executive Director with an increased salary of \$165,000. The committee also recommended revisiting next steps for filling the Executive Director position in six months. Mr. Castleberry indicated the need for discussion by the full board and announced that the Board would now retire into Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Board** retired into executive session at 10:44 am.

**Mr. Castleberry** reconvened the AHIM Board meeting at 11:44 am. He announced the Board recommendation to offer Ms. Lowther the Executive Director position with a 10% increase in her current salary effective immediately. **Mr. Meadors** motioned to accept the Board's recommendation to offer Interim Executive Director Lowther the position of Executive Director with an additional 10% salary increase. **Mr. Gilmore** seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**No other business was discussed**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**No public comments were made**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**TBD**

## **ADJOURN**

**Mr. Castleberry** adjourned the meeting at 11:49 am.