

**FLORIDA HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION  
CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PLAN**

**Board Meeting**

**Thursday, August 25, 2020 at 3 p.m. Eastern Time  
by Teleconference**

Board Members Participating

Stephen Harris, Chairman  
Sabin Bass, Vice Chairman  
David Schandel, Secretary/Treasurer  
John Matthews  
Dr. Raed Assar  
Ronald Weeden  
Holly Prince  
Jamie Forrest

Others in Attendance

Bruce Platt, Akerman LLP  
Jeffrey Tindall  
Leean Chojnowski, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation  
Toma Wilkerson, Department of Financial Services  
Brock Juarez, Department of Financial Services

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Harris welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.

**II. Antitrust Preamble**

Chairman Harris read aloud the following antitrust preamble:

We are here to discuss and act on matters relating to the business of the Florida Health Maintenance Organization Consumer Assistance Plan ("HMOCAP"). We are not here to discuss or pursue the business of our individual member companies. All of us should proceed with caution and awareness of the requirements and prohibitions of federal and state antitrust laws. We should not engage in discussions, either at this meeting or in private conversation, of our individual companies' plans or contemplated activities. We should concern ourselves only with the business of the HMOCAP as set forth in the agenda for this meeting. Only HMOCAP matters may be discussed at the meeting and each company's business plans cannot be discussed.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- November 18, 2019

Chairman Harris asked the board members for comments or changes to the draft minutes of the November 18, 2019 board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Matthews moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Assar seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

- May 19, 2020 Minutes:

Chairman Harris asked the board members for comments or changes to the draft minutes of the May 19, 2020 board meeting. Hearing none, Dr. Assar moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Schandel seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

#### **IV. Welcome New Board Members:**

- Ronald Weeden on behalf of Humana Medical Plan, Inc.
- Holly Prince on behalf of Simply Health Care Plans, Inc.
- Jamie Forrest on behalf of Health First Health Plans, Inc.

Dr. Assar welcomed the new Board members and asked them to tell the board about themselves and their experience. Among other things, Mr. Weeden explained that he is the Medicaid CFO for Humana Medical Plan; Ms. Prince explained that she is the CEO for Simply Health Care Plans; and Ms. Forrest explained that she is the COO for Health First Health Plans.

#### **V. Request for Link to MesotheliomaVeterans.org.**

Mr. Platt explained that he had received a request to provide a link to MesotheliomaVeterans.org from the HMOCAP's website. He said that currently the HMOCAP website only links to governmental organizations and agencies that provide useful information for HMO members. He said the HMOCAP does not have a policy regarding linking to websites. After discussion, Dr. Assar made a motion that the HMOCAP should only provide links on its website to governmental organizations and agencies that provide useful information for HMO members. Mr. Schandel seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

#### **VI. Resignation of Stephen Harris and Appointment of New Board Chair**

Chairman Harris announced that he is retiring from CIGNA and, therefore, he is resigning from the HMOCAP Board after serving intermittently on it for almost 30 years. Vice Chairman Bass accepted Mr. Harris' resignation and thanked Mr. Harris for his service. Vice Chairman Bass noted that Mr. Matthews expressed an interest in serving as the new Chair. Dr. Assar nominated Mr. Matthews to serve as chair. Mr. Schandel seconded the nomination. Mr. Matthews discussed his experience and noted that he currently is General Counsel and Vice President for Regulatory Affairs for UnitedHealthcare's North East and South East Divisions.. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Matthews was elected chair without opposition.

#### **VII. Recommendation of Appointment of Jeff Tindall to the HMOCAP Board of Directors**

Chairman Matthews asked Mr. Platt to explain the appointment process. Mr. Platt discussed the process for nominating and appointing members to the HMOCAP Board of Directors. He noted

that Mr. Tindall's biographical information had been provided to the Board as an attachment to the agenda, and he explained that Florida HMOs had nominated and approved Mr. Tindall, and that he said that the HMOCAP Board of Directors needed to vote to recommend that the Department of Financial Services appoint Mr. Tindall. Dr. Assar made the motion to recommend that the Department of Financial Services appoint Mr. Tindall to the HMOCAP Board of Directors. Mr. Schandel seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

### **VIII. Selection of Board Member to Serve on the FLAHIGA Board of Directors**

Dr. Assar asked Mr. Platt to explain the relationship between the HMOCAP Board of Directors and the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association ("FLAHIGA") Board of Directors. Mr. Platt explained that Florida Statutes require that a member of the HMOCAP Board of Directors also serve on the FLAHIGA Board of Directors. He noted that former Chairman Harris had been the HMOCAP director on the FLAHIGA Board, and he noted that Mr. Tindall had been attending FLAHIGA Board meetings as Mr. Harris' alternate consistent with the statutory requirements. Mr. Platt noted that Mr. Tindall has expressed willingness to serve on the FLAHIGA Board if selected. Chairman Matthews noted that the FLAHIGA Board cannot have more than one member from the same organization. As several companies with HMOCAP Board representation also have representation on the FLAHIGA Board, he noted that this limits the pool of eligible members. Mr. Weeden nominated Mr. Tindall to be recommended to FLAHIGA to serve on the FLAHIGA Board of Directors. Mr. Schandel seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

### **IX. Other Business**

Chairman Matthews asked whether there was any additional business to be brought to the Board's attention. Mr. Platt noted that Don Coffey was no longer working with Sunshine State Health Plan and, therefore, he was no longer eligible to serve on the HMOCAP Board of Directors. Mr. Platt explained that he would begin the process to select a replacement.

Chairman Matthews asked if the next HMOCAP Board meeting had been scheduled. Mr. Platt explained that the HMOCAP holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Health Plans. Chairman Matthews said that he would work with Mr. Platt to find an appropriate date for the annual meeting of the HMOCAP Board of Directors if the Florida Association of Health Plans annual meeting was canceled or severely delayed due to the COVID crisis.

### **IX. Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Matthews adjourned the meeting.

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David C. Schandel, Secretary/Treasurer  
Florida HMO Consumer Assistance Plan

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_