

# State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Advisory Commission Minutes

June 11, 2024

The Arkansas State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m.

## ASE Commission Members Present:

Ronda Walthall

Marty Casteel

Bruce Maloch

## PSE Commission Members Present:

Jim Tucker

Billy Jackson

Julie Bates

Kurt Knickrehm

**Others Present:** Grant Wallace, Director of EBD; Amanda Land, Deputy Director of EBD; Jay Bir, EBD; Janella Deville, EBD; Denise Flake, EBD; Skochu Fields, EBD; Krista Grafe, EBD; Cindy Monterroza, EBD; James Caldwell, TSS; Jessica Akins, DIS; Sylvia Landers, Colonial Life; Jake Goll, Navitus; Sherry Bryant, EBRx; Trey Gardner, EBRx; Kristen Belew, EBRx; Dr. Jill Johnson, UAMS; LeeAnna Graham, UAMS; Jenna Goldman, UAMS; Paul Sakhrani, Milliman; Joe Larson, UnitedHealthcare; Ashley Boes, Nima Nabavi, AMAEN; Frances Bauman, Novo Nordisk; Phil Cummings, ABBVIE; Nole Mangine, ABBVIE; Lori Bowen, BLR; Takisha Sanders, ABCBS; Stephen Carroll, AllCare Specialty; Sharon Chuculate, AASBO; Erica Stick, UHG; John Bridges, ASEA; Nathan Nabavi, Debbie Rogers, Emilie Monk, Donna Morey, Julia Weber, Derrick Smith, Brent Parker, Kristie Banks, Christopher Cannon, Alix Stephens, and 5 others.

## 1. Call to Order

Director Wallace called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum for both the ASE and PSE Commissions.

## 2. Approval of March 12, 2024 Minutes, Cynthia Dunlap

Marty Casteel moved to approve the minutes from March 12 Regular Meeting, seconded by Billy Jackson. **Motion Passed.**

## 3. Director's Update, Grant Wallace

Director Wallace mentioned things are processing as they should from the previous meeting so there were no updates on those items specifically.

#### **4. Formulary Review, Jake Goll**

Jake Goll presented the May Formulary Advisory Committee (FAC) recommendations. The following drugs were recommended to be added or changed on the formulary:

- Striverdi Respimat Inhaler
- Serevant Diskus Inhaler
- Oravig tablets
- Tolmetin tablets
- Tolmetin capsules
- Nexletol tablets
- Nexlizet tablets
- Repatha injection
- Repatha Pushtronex injection
- Adalimumab-AATY
- Spriva Respimat 1.25 MCG/ACT
- Paxlovid tablets (Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) version)

Goll also presented the May P&T recommendations. The following drugs were recommended to be added to the formulary:

- Zurzuvae capsules
- Entyvio injection
- Truqap tablets
- Fruzaqla tablets

Kurt Knickrahm asked about why there are members impacted by the P&T drugs when they were not covered previously. Director Wallace said those members have been approved with an override. Those went through the appeal process, reviewed, and approved the usage.

Billy Jackson moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Ronda Walthall. **Motion Passed.**

#### **5. Other Business**

There was none.

Director Wallace adjourned the Commission until July 9, 2024.