

**State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commission
Minutes
December 6th, 2022**

The Arkansas State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commissions met on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ASE Commission Members present:

Marty Casteel
Jerry Jones
Cynthia Dunlap
Ronda Walthall
Bruce Maloch

PSE Commission Members present:

Julie Bates
Greg Rogers
Kurt Knickrehm
Jim Tucker
Billy Jackson

ASE Members Absent:

PSE Members Absent:

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessica Welch, Director Jake Bleed, China Daulton, Skouchu Fields EBD; Oktawia DeYoung, Jill Johnson EBRx; Lauren Ballard Transformation and Shared Services; Debbie Rogers, Department of Finance and Administration; Takisha Sanders, Jessica Akins, Health Advantage; Judy Paslaski, MedImpact; Lori Bowen, Bureau of Legislative Research; Sylvia Landers, Colonial Life

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by ASE Chair Cynthia Dunlap, and she announced there was quorum.

1. Approval of November 1st, 2022, Minutes: ASE Advisory Commission Chair, Cynthia Dunlap

Cynthia Dunlap made a request to approve the November 1st minutes. Billy Jackson made the motion to approve. Mary Casteel seconded; all were in favor.

Motion Approved.

2. Legislative Session Process Discussion/ Fiscal Impact Process Discussion: EBD Director, Jake Bleed

Since the regular session beginning January, Director Bleed advised EBD will have a review process to track bills and review legislation that can impact the plan. Director Bleed advised the Arkansas Legislature has their own review process to review bills in which they work with a consultant to discuss impacts to the plan.

Director Bleed advised Act 112 requires a fiscal impact statement for any every bill that has a fiscal impact on EBD will have to have that fiscal impact measured or analyzed, a fiscal impact statement describing the impact, and there is a deadline of January 23,2023 to file health benefits legislation.

3. Other Business: EBD Director, Jake Bleed

Director Bleed provided updates on the EBD's current projects:

-The Medicare Advantage Plan opt-out period ended November 31,2022. Currently 36% of members have opted out of the Medicare Advantage Plan.

-The Pharmacy Benefits Manager RFP is currently being scored by the Office of State Procurement.

-EBD has currently decided to renew the current Actuary contract with Milliman, due to a lack of emphasizing the needs of EBD during the RFP process.

-EBD also decided to extend the currently EAP contract and has plans in the future for an EAP RFP.

Cynthia Dunlap requested a motion to adjourn. Jerry Jones made the motion to adjourn. Bruce Maloch seconded.

Meeting adjourned.