



Board Meeting Minutes

**Conference Call
February 1, 2013
7:30 AM – 8:20 AM**

Board members present: Richard Betts, Susan Birch, Steve ErkenBrack, Mike Fallon, Eric Grossman, Gretchen Hammer, Robert Ruiz-Moss, Jim Riesberg, Arnold Salazar, and Nathan Wilkes.

Staff present: Cammie Blais, Stephanie Eng, Patty Fontneau, Lindy Hinman, Laura Villanueva, and Adele Work.

Approximately 15 members of the public joined by phone.

I. Welcome & Introductions

There were no changes made to the agenda. Gretchen Hammer asked the Board to consider if they would like to return to the two meetings per month schedule with the idea that the second meeting could be cancelled if not needed, or continue with the once a month meeting and scheduling ad hoc meetings/calls as needed. It will be discussed further during February's Board meeting.

II. Out of Pocket Calculator

i. Presentation

Adele Work [presented](#) an [overview](#) of the presentation to the joint Advisory Group meeting on January 22nd. Robert Krughoff from Checkbook was on the call to answer questions as well.

Rob Ruiz-Moss asked if one were to look at every product offered on the Exchange, how long would it take to come up with an estimated cost. Robert Krughoff stated that Checkbook is committed to having an answer display in a matter of seconds for users and summarized the actuarial process. He added that both a high and low cost would be provided, with a percent likelihood of the chances of either scenario happening. Adele Work clarified that COHBE would provide the User Interface for the system.

Steve ErkenBrack asked if this has been purchased for the Federal Exchange. Robert Krughoff replied that while it has not, HHS has been using their service for their employees for years. Steve asked about any states using their service. Robert replied that they are talking to a few other states that are in the same place COHBE is in right now.

Gretchen Hammer clarified for the Board that the recommendation was to begin the contract discussions and negotiations with Checkbook.

Eric Grossman asked about the privacy of data that Checkbook collects. Robert Krughoff clarified that Checkbook receives descriptions of benefits from the plans, not claims data.



Nathan Wilkes added that his initial questions were about the algorithms, but he felt that much was cleared up in today's discussion. He asked that as we move forward each year, is there any feedback loop or way to ensure that more accurate information is provided. Robert Krughoff replied that Checkbook is always looking to improve their calculations and adjusts as needed.

Arnold Salazar moved to accept COHBE's recommendation to begin contract negotiations with CSS for the provision of an out of pocket calculator for go-live. The motion was seconded.

Steve ErkenBrack expressed concerns and opposed Arnold's motion.

Rob Ruiz-Moss commented that if COHBE cannot get this to work with practical data by go-live, it should be pushed until 2015.

ii. Public comment

There was no public comment.

iii. Vote

There was clarification on the motion that it was to approve the recommendation to negotiate a contract with CSS for the provision of an out of pocket calculator for go-live.

Vote: The motion to negotiate a contract with CSS for the provision of an out of pocket cost estimator for go-live was approved with a vote of 6-2. There were 8 voting members present. (Yes: Richard Betts, Mike Fallon, Gretchen Hammer, Robert Ruiz-Moss, Arnold Salazar, and Nathan Wilkes. No: Steve ErkenBrack and Eric Grossman.)

III. Adjourn

There was reminder from Patty Fontneau to the Board to fill out Conflict of Interest forms and return them to Laura Villanueva.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.