

OHIO SENATE
Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee
Minutes
June 19, 2014 Committee
130th General Assembly

The Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:10 a.m. in the Senate Finance Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken with a quorum present. The minutes from the May 15th committee hearing were approved.

The Committee proceeded to its first order of business.

The Chair recognized Vice-Chairwoman Sears to explain the process of searching for an actuary. From there Vice-Chairwoman Sears turned it over to Director Ackerman for an overview of the actuary bid process and authorization to enter into a contact with the chosen actuary. Having provided the committee with an overview, Director Ackerman explained that there was only one bid that came back from the company Optumas. Having reviewed their request for bid, Director Ackerman requested permission from the committee for authority to enter into contract negotiations with Optumas as the new JMOC actuary.

Questions were asked by Senator Cafaro and Representative Antonio.

With no further questions, Senator Cafaro motioned to vote on approval of the Director to enter into contract negotiations with Optumas as the JMOC actuary. Representative Sears seconded the motion. With a vote of 10-0 the motion was approved.

The Chair than moved to recognize Director Ackerman for an overview of the JMOC policy aide position.

Questions were asked by Representative Sykes and Sears.

Senator Cafaro moved to approve the position description, salary range and hiring of a JMOC policy aide. Representative Sears seconded. With a vote of 10-0 the motion was approved.

The Chair than called up Director McCarthy to give an overview of the Medicaid actuarial process and Medicaid managed care rate book.

After the presentation, questions were asked by Senators Burke, Cafaro, Tavares, Widener and Representative Sprague, Antonio, and Sears.

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Burke adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.