



Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority d/b/a Pennie®  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 15, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**1.0 Preliminary Matters**

**1.01 Call to Order**

**1.02 Roll Call**

- **Karen Groh**, Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce – **Present**
- **Joshua Brooker**, PA Health Advocates/SnapHealth LLC - **Present**
- **Jolene Calla, Esq.**, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania - **Present**
- **Louise E. Hayes**, Community Legal Services - **Present**
- **Robin Rothermel**, Pennsylvania Medical Society - **Present**
- **Gloria Velazquez**, Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley - **Present**
- **TBD** - Senate President Pro Tempore Consumer Representative
- **TBD** - Speaker of the House Consumer Representative

**1.03 Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

- **Motion:** To approve as true, correct, and accurate the minutes recording the events, actions and details of the June 12, 2023, Public Meetings of the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority Advisory Council
  - Motion: Joshua Brooker
  - Second: Gloria Velazquez
  - Advisory Council Decision: Unanimous (6-0)

**1.04 Opportunity for Public Comment**

- The floor was opened for public comments, of which there were none.

**2.0 Administrative Matters**

- Introduce new board member, Joshua Brooker
  - Executive Director Trolley expressed a welcome to new Advisory Council member Joshua Brooker
- Thank Louise Hayes
  - Executive Director Trolley thanked Louise Hayes for her support, ideas and contributions for the past 4 years serving on the Pennie Advisory Council.



### 3.0 Medicaid Unwinding Report

- Update on status
  - Executive Director Trolley provided an update on the effort of getting the volumes of files from Medicaid as they were conducting their renewals.
- Data/trends
  - IT Director Ben Schrass provided an overview of the Medicaid Unwinding data that we have been seeing that include rate by cohort, applicants by county, financial assistance and metal tier selections.

### 4.0 Consumer Focused Policies Discussion

- Executive Director Trolley and Policy Director David Thomsen provided an overview of the recent consumer focused adjustments Pennie has made and is making to make it easier for people to understand the benefits that are available to them, understand Pennie notices, and website. Mr. Thomsen also explained SEP effective dates, special rule for loss of Medicaid or CHIP, as well as the policy initiatives Pennie wants to implement in 2024.

### 5.0 Adjournment

- **Motion:** To adjourn this meeting of the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority Advisory Council
  - Motion: Louise Hayes
  - Second: Gloria Velazquez
  - Advisory Council Decision: Unanimous (6-0)
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:59 am.