



Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Meeting
August 14, 2024
Meeting Summary
[\(see full transcript for more details\)](#)

Financial Solvency Standards Board (FSSB) Members in Attendance:

Paul Durr, Sharp Community Medical Group
Abbi Coursole, National Health Law Program
Dr. Mark Kogan, Independent Physician
Jarrod McNaughton, Inland Empire Health Plan
Dr. Jeff Rideout, Integrated Healthcare Association
Dr. David Seidenwurm, Sutter Physicians Alliance
Jessica Sellner, Health Net
Mary Watanabe, Department of Managed Health Care

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Staff in Attendance:

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Review
Shaini Rodrigo, Staff Services Analyst, Office of Administrative Services
Dan Southard, Chief Deputy Director
Jordan Stout, Staff Services Manager I, Office of Financial Review
Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review

Department of Health Care Services (HCAI) Staff Present:

Rafael Davtian, Deputy Director, Health Care Financing
Rene Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions

(Transcript, P. 4 – 5)

Chairperson Jeff Rideout called the meeting to order, reviewing housekeeping notes for attendees and Board members.

Agenda Item 2 – Transcript & Meeting Summary from the February 28, 2024 FSSB Meeting (Transcript, P. 6)

Dr. Rideout asked if there were any changes to the February 28, 2024, FSSB meeting transcript and summary. Motion to approve the transcript and meeting summary by Jarrod McNaughton, seconded by Paul Durr. The Board approved the February 28, 2024 transcript and meeting summary.

Agenda Item 3 – Director’s Remarks

(Transcript, P. 7 – 20)

Director Mary Watanabe provided an update on the Department’s 2023 Annual Report, 2025 individual and small group market rate filings, risk adjustment transfers and the new dental rate review program. Ms. Watanabe also highlighted California’s efforts to set new Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) and a new Benchmark Plan, provided an update on the DMHC’s Health Equity and Quality initiative, and discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 2767 which will expand the FSSB board membership from 7 to 11 members.

Agenda Item 4 – [Department of Health Care Services Update](#) (Transcript, P. 21 – 45)

Rafael Davtian, Deputy Director, Health Care Financing and Rene Mollow, Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility provided an update on the DHCS budget, program changes, and the managed care organization (MCO) tax.

Agenda Item 5 – [Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans](#)

(Transcript, P. 46 – 53)

Pritika Dutt, Deputy Director of the Office of Financial Review, presented the Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans report for quarter ended March 31, 2024, and highlighted the enrollment and financial information for Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans.

Agenda Item 6 – [2024-2025 Budget Update](#) (Transcript, P. 54 – 58)

Dan Southard, Chief Deputy Director, provided an update on the Department’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 budget, which increased from \$163 million in FY 2023-24 to \$178 million in FY 2024-25. The Department’s authorized positions also increased from 707.5 to 773 positions. Mr. Southard highlighted the budget change proposals (BCPs) that were approved, including those related to recently signed legislation.

Agenda Item 8 – [Provider Solvency Quarterly Update](#)

(Transcript, P. 59 – 65)

Michelle Yamanaka, Supervising Examiner, Office of Financial Review, provided an update on the financial solvency of Risk Bearing Organizations (RBOs) for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

Agenda Item 9 – [Health Plan Quarterly Update](#)

(Transcript, P. 66 – 74)

Ms. Dutt presented an update on the financial status of health plans for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

Agenda Item 10 – 2025 Meeting Dates

(Transcript, P. 75)

Ms. Watanabe discussed the proposed 2025 FSSB meeting dates and asked the Board if there were any scheduling conflicts. The 2025 meeting dates will be confirmed during the October FSSB meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda (Transcript, P. 75)

Dr. Rideout asked for public comment on items not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 12 – Agenda Items for Future Meetings (Transcript, P. 76 – 77)

Dr. Rideout asked for agenda items for future meetings. Ms. Watanabe mentioned the Department's running list of future agenda items including inviting Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 12 – Closing Remarks/Next Steps (Transcript, P. 78)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024.