

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT INSURANCE TRUST CONFERENCE CALL FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 9:00 AM VIA ZOOM**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust was held on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9:00 am via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Robin Hooter.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President Robin Hooter  
Annette Fontana  
Holli Vining  
Jeff Skidmore  
Amy Patin  
Bridget Hanna  
Jim Martin  
Debbie Hudnall, Executive Director

#### **ABSENT:**

Kim Turlich-Vaughan  
Lance Marino  
Marion Hopkins  
Connie Desselle

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Chris Kershaw, Dagmar Hebert, Kim Breard, Lana Labourdette, and Tony Murray with Gallagher Insurance.

Lana Labourdette presented to the Board a 2<sup>nd</sup> level appeal that had been received by Gallagher from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The appeal and 1<sup>st</sup> level appeal had both been denied by Blue Cross. The appeal involves an in-patient hospital stay for the treatment of chest pains that did not meet the criteria and standards for acute in-patient treatment. The claim was denied as medically unnecessary. There was discussion regarding the claim and if the member would be balanced billed if the claim was denied. Lana did reach out to BCBS for the dollar amount of the claim but at the time of the call had not received that figure yet. There was discussion on the provider filing the appeal and setting a precedent if the Board were to pay the claim. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Martin to uphold the appeal denial by BCBS. The motion was seconded by Jeff Skidmore. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion was made by Jim Martin to direct Gallagher to reach out to the member to provide guidance and assistance to the member for balance billing questions. The motion was seconded by Jeff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kim Breard brought to the Board's attention that two parishes, Acadia and Livingston have expressed interest in joining the Insurance Trust. Gallagher has done the analysis and would like to provide information to the Board regarding their recommendation. Acadia would like to join with a July 1<sup>st</sup> effective date and Livingston would like to join with a January 1<sup>st</sup> effective

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date. A Board call will be scheduled for the following week to discuss and for the Board to make a decision.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Skidmore and seconded by Shane LeBlanc. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVED:**



**Robin Hooter, President**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Debbie D. Hudnall, Executive Director**