PRODUCER LICENSING (P/C & L/H) ADVISORY BOARDS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Call to order: A joint meeting of the Producer Licensing Life & Health Advisory Board and the Producer Licensing Property & Casualty Advisory Board was held virtually with the Maryland Insurance Administration on September 10, 2024. The meeting convened at 10:02 am and was called to order by Shelley Taylor-Barnes.

Attendance was taken and MIA staff members were introduced. The covered topics and summaries are listed below.

Life/Health Advisory Board		
Last Name	First Name	Present (Yes/No)
Melcher	Lynette	Y
Carter	Deedra	N
Listori	Lucille	N
Wilson	Venus	Y
Moreira	Roy	Y
Parker	Janet	Y
Kearney	Stephanie	Y
Cabrera	Vanessa	Y

Property/Casualty Advisory Board		
Last Name	First Name	Present (Yes/No)
Mattes	Peter	Y
Papa	Michael	Y
Klinger	Robert	Y
Guttman	Benjamin	Y
Ertel	Michael	N
Zatkowski	Jennifer	Y
Conner	Sharon	Y
Lader	Jennifer	Y

Maryland Insurance Administration Staff Attendees:

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Mary	Kwei, Associate Commissioner of Market Regulation & Professional Licensing	
	Shelley Taylor-Barnes, Director of Producer Licensing	
	Lorelei Brillante, Supervisor of Customer Service / Education Analyst	
	Jason Little, Senior Enforcement Officer	
	Danilsa Marciniak, Director of Property & Casualty Complaints	
	Maryam David, Assistant Chief, Title Enforcement	
	Fraud and Enforcement	
	Patricia Dorn, Outreach Staffer Lead	
	Arica Cole, Licensing Specialist / Producer Advisory Board Liaison	

Meeting Topics and Summaries

Opening Remarks

Shelley Taylor- Barnes, Director of Producer Licensing made a motion to approve the June 11, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Introduction of the new Producer Advisory Board Member- Jennifer Lader

Taylor- Barnes introduction new advisory board member Jennifer Lader. Lader is the new Title producer advisory board member and provided a brief introduction.

New Commissioner Update

Taylor-Barnes informed the advisory board of the new commissioner status. Marie Grant was appointed as the new Insurance Commissioner and will begin her role effective October 2, 2024.

New Health Coverage Assistance Team (H-CAT)

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Taylor Barnes opened the floor for Patricia Dorn of the Consumer Education and Advocacy Unit (CEAU) to discuss the new Health Coverage Assistance Team (HCAT). The unit assist consumers in understanding insurance. The team provides information to the community via in-person, virtual, and on-on-one events.

The HCAT team has been designed to advocate for any health coverage related questions or concerns as well as partnering and working with organizations. The team is currently conducting educational webinars and assisting Marylanders navigate health coverage challenges that impact access to care including behavioral health service and treatment. Dorn opening floor for questions.

Bulletin 24-19 Posted – Repealing Pre-Licensing Requirements

Taylor-Barnes discussed the new bulletin posted July 24, 2024 repealing pre-licensing requirements and experience requirements for insurance producers who are required to pass an examination as a qualification for a producer license. Effective October 1, 2024, applicants who are required to pass an examination as a qualification for a producer license will no longer be required to complete a program of study that has been established or approved by the Commissioner, nor meet minimum experience requirements prior to taking the examination.

Upcoming Producer Advisory Board Meetings

December 10, 2024, March 11, June 10, September 9, 2025.

At 11:05a.m., a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.