

HEALTH CARE COMMISSION MEETING

9:30 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

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(VIA-TELECONFERENCE)

ALL RIGHT. THIS IS DEANGELA, MY APOLOGIES, WE WERE COMING IN BUT KEPT TELLING US WE WERE MUTED AND SO WE COULDN'T GET VOICE CONTROL. MY APOLOIES FOR THE TECHNICAL DELAY. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING. >> GOOD MORNING. >> CAN WE DO A QUICK ROLL CALL TO SEE WHO IS ON THE CALL. >> SURE. >> COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT. >> HERE. >> ALL RIGHT. COMMISSIONER YOUNG. >> HERE. >> COMMISSIONER GARCIA. >> HERE. >> COMMISSIONER DECHANT. >> YES. >> PERFECT. FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN WHO DO WE HAVE ON THE CALL? >> WE HAVE MIKE MICHAEL AND MICHAEL SMITH IS WITH ME. >> MICHAEL SMITH, HE IS -- WHAT'S MICHAEL'S ROLE? >> MICHAEL IS THE HEALTH PLAN ATTORNEY FOR KDHE. >> RIGHT. PERFECT. ALSO JOINING ME IN MY ROOM IS JOHN YEERY WHO IS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR HEALTH PLAN. ANY OTHER ACTIVE LIVE MEMBERS ON THE CALL? OKAY. I KNOW WE MAY HAVE PARTICIPANTS LISTENING IN. TO MAKE IT PUBLIC. I BELIEVE THAT CLOSED CAPTION IS ALSO WORKING FOR THIS CALL. I HAVE SOMEONE MONITORING IT. WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO CALL OUR PHONE MEETING TO ORDER. THIS IS A MEETING THAT IS NOT ONE OF OUR TRADITIONAL DESK MEETINGS. IT WAS CALLED NECESSARILY BECAUSE OF A TIMING SITUATION ENSURING THAT WE CAN MAKE A DECISION IN A TIMELY MANNER AROUND SOMETHING THAT WOULD IMPACT THE 2020 CYCLE. AND SO THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE FOR BEING ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE. THE ONE THING THAT I WOULD ASK BECAUSE WE ARE ON THE PHONE AND WHILE WE MAY RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER'S VOICE BUT ALSO FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING AS YOU SPEAK, COMMISSIONERS AND ALSO FOR ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT ARE ON, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AS YOU BEGIN TO TALK. I WOULD ASK THAT EVERYONE MUTE THEIR LINE EXCEPT FOR WHOEVER IS TALKING AT THAT TIME. JUST TO ELIMINATE KIND OF BACKGROUND NOISE AND REMEMBER TO UNMUTE YOURSELF AS YOU BEGIN TO TALK AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF. THE SUBJECT MATTER FOR THIS MEETING IS THE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED A BACKGROUND MEMO FROM MIKE MICHAELS. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO HIM TO WALK THROUGH THE INFORMATION AND THEN WE'LL OPEN IT UP FOR DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS. AROUND THE VACCINATION PROGRAM. ALL RIGHT. MIKE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> ALL RIGHT. SO THIS IS MIKE MICHAEL. GOOD MORNING. SO SOME BACKGROUND ON THIS. ON DECEMBER 27th THE HEALTH PLAN WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CALL WITH WHO WAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT BACK IN APRIL TO ADMINISTER THE FLU VACCINATION ON SITE PROGRAM ACROSS THE STATE FOR THE NEXT THREE PROGRAM YEARS. DURING THAT CALL ON DECEMBER 27th OF 2019 BioIQ INFORMED US A CORPORATE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO NOT OFFER OR PARTICIPATE IN THE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM COMPANYWIDE DECISION THEY WANTED TO FOCUS ON OTHER COMPANY INITIATIVES. SO WITH THAT INFORMATIONINFORMATION, LET THE COMMISSIONERS KNOW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CONTRACT FEBRUARY 1 OF 2020. A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM. THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN BECAME INVOLVED WITH THAT IN 2009. HAVE A BIT OF HISTORY. IN 2018, NOT QUITE 5,500 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THEIR VACCINATION THROUGH THAT PROGRAM. WE LOOKED OVER THE LAST THREE PROGRAM YEARS, ON AN AVERAGE AND WE HAVE JUST UNDER 29,000 MEMBERS THAT EITHER RECEIVED THE FLU VACCINATION FROM ONE OF THE ON SITE EVENTS OR FROM ANOTHER MEDICAL

PROVIDER IN THE COMMUNITY. SO DURING THE THREE YEAR PERIOD WE AVERAGED JUST UNDER 5,000 MEMBERS. I'M GOING THROUGH THE ON SITE VACCINATION PROGRAM. AND JUST UNDER 24,000 THAT RECEIVED THE VACCINATION FROM A MEDICAL PROVIDER. SEE THAT THE AVERAGE COST DURING THIS PERIOD FOR THE ON SITE IS \$27.73. AND IF THE MEMBER RECEIVED IT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY FROM ANOTHER MEDICAL PROVIDER IT WAS \$25.82 BUT THE ORIGINATION OF THE PROGRAM, THE COST FOR THE ON SITE VACCINATION WAS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE VACCINATION OUT IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THAT HAD CHANGED AND HAD BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THE HEALTH PLAN. SO AS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL MEETING IT WAS PROVIDED WHERE AN EMPLOYER MEANT IT AS A CONVENIENCE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ON SITE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM. INFORMATION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS, THE VACCINATION WHETHER RECEIVED ON SITE OR FROM ANOTHER MEDICAL PROVIDER IS COVERED AT 100% UNDER THE PREVENTIVE SERVICES BENEFIT WHEN ADMINISTERED BY A NETWORK PROVIDER, SO THERE WOULD BE NO COST TO THE MEMBER WHETHER THEY GO THROUGH THE ON SITE PROGRAM OR OUT IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY. SO WE HAD LISTED A FEW OPTIONS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMISSION. THE FIRST OPTION WOULD BE TO GO BACK AND RELEASE ANOTHER RFP TO SECURE ANOTHER VENDOR. ONE OF YOUR MATERIALS THAT YOU HAD WAS THE COST SUMMARY IF YOU WANT TO REFER TO THAT THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL 2019 MEETING. JUST WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THAT. THAT HAS SOME RELEVANCE TO THAT FIRST POINT. IF EVERYBODY HAS THAT, LOOKING AT THAT TOP BOX, THAT REPRESENTS THE THREE COMPANIES THAT BID DURING THAT RFP CYCLE AND THEN THERE'S YEAR ONE, TWO AND THREE, WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE FOR THAT SINGLE DOSE. BioIQ IS AT \$31, MAXIMUM WAS AT \$30 AND OCCU-VAX WAS AT \$30. THE MAXIMUM OCCU-VAX WOULD HAVE BEEN A LESS EXPENSIVE OPTION. WE NEED TO REFER DOWN THAT PAGE IN THE NOTES. WE HAD 5,500 INDIVIDUALS GO THROUGH THAT PROGRAM IN 2018. BioIQ, THEY ALL HAD A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT BUT THE IMPACT ON TOP OF THAT SINGLE DOSE COST OR MAXIMUM WANTING TO CHARGE FOR TRAVEL 54 CENTS A MILE AND \$110 PER NIGHT FOR ANY OVERNIGHT STAYS REQUIRED. ALSO RENTED TO CHARGE \$2,500 FOR A SINGLE SIGN-ON DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CONTRACT AND OCCU-VAX CHARGED FOR THE PRIVACY SCREENS. MOVING TO THE SECOND CHART GOING ACROSS FOR THE THREE COMPANIES BASED UPON 5,400 PLUS DOSES WERE ADMINISTERED WITH THE ADDITIONAL COST, BioIQ'S BID AT \$31 WAS ALL INCLUSIVE OF AND NO ADDITIONAL ADD-ON COSTS SO OVER \$169,000 OR MAXIMUM WAS ALMOST \$180,500 AND OCCU-VAX WAS \$171,300. POINT BEING WE HAVE THREE BIDDERS THROUGH THE LAST CYCLE. FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AS THEY DISCUSS THAT THERE MAY NOT BE A LARGE DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF BIDDERS AND THAT COST WILL PROBABLY COME IN AT LEAST IN THAT RANGE POTENTIALLY EVEN HIGHER. THE SECOND OPTION BULLET POINT T DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS OFFERED TO ADMINISTER THE ON SITE FLU VACCINATION FOR 2020. THEY SENT A COST PROPOSAL. SO THEY COULD ADMINISTER THAT PROGRAM AT \$19.38 PER DOSE. THAT AGAIN IS ALL INCLUSIVE. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE HEALTH PLAN FOR THAT. THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE MEMBERS THAT ELECT TO GO THROUGH THE ON SITE PROGRAM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. THAT COST IS \$19.38 IS LESS THAN OUR AVERAGE COST OF \$25.82 AND SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE \$31 COST FROM THE ORIGINAL RFP BID. IF THE COMMISSION WANTED TO KEEP THAT IN PLACE THERE'S OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. WHAT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IS THE ATTORNEYS WOULD NEED TO DRAFT AN MOU BETWEEN THE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION AND HEALTH OF ENVIRONMENT TO EXECUTE THAT PROGRAM FOR 2020 AND THEN THE LAST OPTION LISTED IN THE MEMO. THE COMMISSION CAN ELECT NOT TO OFFER THE PROGRAM. MEMBERS DO HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS TO RECEIVE THE FLU

VACCINATION TO THE MEDICAL PROVIDER, PHARMACY, THOSE IN THE TOPEKA AREA THE HEALTHQUEST HEALTH CENTER AND MULTIPLE OPTIONS I'M SURE THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE OBSERVED FOR THEMSELVES DURING THE FLU VACCINATION SEASON THAT THEY'RE OFFERED AT MANY LOCATIONS. THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE COMMUNITIES. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD TAKE ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION THE COMMISSIONERS MAY HAVE. >> MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR? HELLO? >> I CAN HEAR YOU COMMISSIONER. >> OH, YOU CAN. OKAY. DEANGELA, ARE YOU ON THERE? I THOUGHT WE LOST HER AGAIN. SHOULD I WAIT MR. MICHAEL? >> HELLO. I'M HERE. I'M SORRY. WE HAVE HAD A TECHNICAL DROP HERE. COMMISSIONER, PLEASE GO AHEAD WITH QUESTIONS. >> OKAY. MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS VICKI SCHMIDT. I PROBABLY DON'T HAVE AS MANY QUESTIONS AS I HAVE COMMENTS. WOULD THAT BE APPROPRIATE? >> YES. THIS IS STILL QUESTIONS. >> GREAT. FIRST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED. I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND THEN MAYBE I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BUT I THINK THAT IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM FOR US TO OFFER FOR THOSE 5,000 OR 5,500 INDIVIDUALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT. I CERTAINLY AM AWARE THAT YOU CAN GO TO YOUR OWN MEDICAL PROVIDER AND PHARMACY AND IT'S PAID AT 100% AND I APPLAUD THAT ACTION ABSOLUTELY. I'M WONDERING WITH THE STARK DIFFERENCE IN THE PRICE THAT KDHE PUBLIC HEALTH IS OFFERING TO ADMINISTER. NUMBER ONE, DID WE APPROACH THEM PRIOR TO GOING OUT FOR AN RFP ABOUT PROVIDING THIS SERVICE AND NUMBER TWO, ARE THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND NOT JUST IN TOPEKA? MY THIRD QUESTION, ON THE HEALTH BENEFIT THOSE THAT ARE HERE IN TOPEKA, WILL THERE BE SPECIFIC DAYS THAT THE CLINIC WOULD OFFER SO THAT INDIVIDUALS DON'T HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A FLU SHOT? DO WE HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDING FOR THAT? THANK YOU. >> OKAY. SO THIS IS MIKE MICHAEL. REFERENCING BACK TO I BELIEVE QUESTION ONE WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE RFP. NO, THEY WERE NOT. PRIOR TO 2009 KDHE DID ADMINISTER IN A MORE LIMITED FASHION THE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM AT CERTAIN SITES ACROSS THE STATE. I KNOW BACK THEN WHICH HAS BEEN ALMOST 11 YEARS AGO THEY DID THAT THROUGH SOME TYPE OF FUNDING. THEY REACHED OUT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN TO FIND OUT IF WE WOULD TAKE THAT PROGRAM OVER. SO THAT WAS STOOD UP AT THAT POINT AND RFPs WERE ISSUED GOING FORWARD WHEN WE HAD THE DELIVERY SYSTEM THIS PAST PROGRAM YEAR, KDHE DID COME FORWARD AND THEN OFFER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ACROSS THE STATE. AND SO THAT'S WHERE THEY STEPPED IN TO PROVIDE THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER. THE SECOND PART RELATED TO THE MARATHON HEALTH CLINIC. YES, THEY'RE MORE THAN WILLING TO WORK TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION AND THE HEALTH PLAN TO DELIVER THE FLU VACCINATIONS WHERE IT WOULD BE SEEN FIT TO DO WHERE THE MEMBER IS EITHER COMING TO THE CLINIC OR WE HAVE EVEN TALKED TO THEM THIS YEAR, THERE'LL BE THE POTENTIAL THAT AT LEAST IN TOPEKA WHERE THEY MAY GO OUT TO AN ON SITE EVENT AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT THAT FOR THE HEALTH PLAN. >> ALL RIGHT. I HEAR -- [INAUDIBLE] >> THIS IS VICKI SCHMIDT AGAIN. I'M WONDERING WHAT IS THE CHARGE THAT MARATHON -- WHAT WILL BE THEIR CHARGE TO US? >> THIS IS MIKE MICHAEL. I NEED TO VERIFY THAT. I BELIEVE THAT CHARGE IS IN THE LOW TO MID 20s BUT I WOULD HAVE TO VERIFY THAT FOR THE COMMISSION. [INAUDIBLE] >> BAD CONNECTION. >> ALL RIGHT. CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME? >> YES. >> I CAN. >> I CAN HEAR YOU. >> ALL RIGHT. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL COMMISSIONERS, MAKE SURE IF YOU JUST WATCHING IF YOU HAVE PHONE AND COMPUTER FOR WHATEVER REASON MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT GETTING FEEDBACK THAT WAY. APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. COMMISSIONER SMITH WAS ASKING QUESTIONS AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE SO THAT WE CAN SEE ARE THERE OTHER COMMISSIONERS

THAT HAVE A QUESTION? OR A DISCUSSION POINT? >> THIS IS STEVE. UNFORTUNATELY I DISCONNECTED FOR A BIT. I'M NOT SURE WHAT CONVERSATION WAS GOING ON WHILE I WAS OFF. >> SO FOR THE MOST PART, MIKE WRAPPED UP HIS PRESENTATION. I'M GOING OVER THE MEMO WE RECEIVED. COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE KDHE ENGAGEMENT AS WELL AS WHAT COULD BE OFFERED BY MARATHON WHICH IS THE HEALTH CLINIC. AND SO THAT'S THE GIST OF IT. I WOULD SAY FOR ME AND I WILL OPEN IT UP TO OTHER COMMISSIONERS AGAIN TO GIVE FEEDBACK, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT I THINK WE HAVE TRIED TO IN OUR DISCUSSIONS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS TO SAY WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION THAT WE KNOW WE'RE DOING AND WE HAVE STRATEGY PLANS AROUND OUR DECISION AND SO GIVEN THE TIMING OF THIS CONVERSATION AND WHILE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO -- THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH TIME THAT WOULD BE TIGHT TO DO A NEW RFP GIVEN THAT WE DO HAVE A POTENTIAL OPTION WITH KDHE FOR THIS YEAR AND THAT IT'S AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE, IT'S SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO STRONGLY CONSIDER. I THINK WHAT THAT ALLOWS US TO DO IS TO LOCK IN SOMETHING TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DELIVER IT IN 2020 AT A RATE THAT WE KNOW IS VIABLE BUT IT WILL ALSO GIVE THE COMMISSION A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME SO THAT WE CAN DO A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND IF WE NEED TO GO BACK OUT FOR A FULL RFP BECAUSE A FULL RFP IF WE DO DO THAT, IT WOULD BE THREE YEARS. IT ALSO MAY GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS EVEN MORE WITH KDHE AROUND MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO A PARTNERSHIP THERE LIKE THE STATE USED TO HAVE. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ON BOTH SIDES DO A LITTLE BIT MORE OF RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION TO MAKE SURE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT KDHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE LONG TERM, IF IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE, VIABLE IN TERMS OF CAPACITY AND LOCATIONS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. I APPRECIATE AND APPLAUD THEIR ABILITY TO KIND OF HELP US STEP IN THIS YEAR AND BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN HELP TO DELIVER WHAT'S NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR BUT THIS WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO A LITTLE BIT MORE OF THAT RESEARCH, FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT WE HAD A MORE LONG TERM STRATEGY GOING FORWARD WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE AN IMMEDIATE ACTION NOW WHETHER RFP OR NOT. BUT STILL, I THINK AS COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MENTIONED TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE TO THE EMPLOYEES THAT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT WHICH IS NOT A SMALL NUMBER BY ANY. THEY'RE CURRENTLY -- ONE THING AND THIS IS WHY ALSO WE NEED TO -- WHILE WE NEED MORE TIME TO DO A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH THERE IS A STATUTE THAT DOES STATE THAT WAS JUST HANDED TO ME, IT IS 75-504-B THAT THE KDHE IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE DURING THE REPORT SO FORTH AND SO ON, AND THAT FOR -- SORRY. I LOST MY PLACE. THAT WE SHALL ADVERTISE PROPOSALS, SHALL NEGOTIATE WITH NO LESS THAN THREE FIRMS OR PARTY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS AND SHALL SELECT THOSE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS OR THE FIRMS FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES FOR VARIOUS SERVICES RELATED TO THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM PLAN. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WHY I SAY WE -- BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION OF CANCELLING THE CONTRACT THIS YEAR BY THE VENDOR, WE NEED TO HAVE A SOLUTION FOR THIS YEAR BUT WE NEED TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE DONE ALL THE NECESSARY RESEARCH FOR A MORE LONG TERM SOLUTION INCLUDING MAKING SURE WE'RE FOLLOWING THE STATUTES OR POLICIES ON THE BOOKS. OTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? >> THIS IS VICKI -- >> I WAS LEANING TOWARD THE KDHE EVEN BEFORE YOU BEGAN MAKING YOUR COMMENTS AND CERTAINLY THOSE REINFORCED FOR ME AT LEAST THAT I THINK THAT'S THE WAY TO GO FOR THIS NEXT FLU SHOT SEASON WE'LL BE DEALING WITH. >> THIS IS VICKI SCHMIDT AND I'M WONDERING -- I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. DR. BURNS-WALLACE. BUT ON THAT, WE CAN -- IS IT THE INTERPRETATION THAT THE COMMISSION COULD GO AHEAD WITH THE KDHE BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T HAVE CONSIDERED THREE

THIS YEAR, THREE OR MORE THIS YEAR? IS IT THE INTERPRETATION THAT WE COULD GO AHEAD THIS YEAR AND NOT BE IN ANY VIOLATION OF ANY STATUTE? >> THIS IS JOHN YEERY. MIKE, DO YOU HAVE A THOUGHT ON THAT? MIKE SMITH, DO YOU HAVE A THOUGHT ON 6504-B WHERE IT SAYS FIRST OFFICES THE COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS BUT SAYS SHALL ADVERTISE AND SHALL NEGOTIATE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE SAFEST ROUTE IN MY OPINION WOULD BE TO GO AHEAD BASED ON THIS NOTIFICATION FROM OUR VENDOR FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADVERTISE IT AND THEN COULD STILL AWARD TO KDHE BUT I WOULD THINK THE SAFEST ROUTE WOULD BE THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT BUT DO YOU SEE IT THE SAME WAY OR OTHERWISE? >> THIS IS MICHAEL SMITH. THE HEALTH PLAN ATTORNEY. THE WAY I READ THAT STATUTE, IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THE KDHE TO PUT SOMETHING OUTSIDE TO A THIRD PARTY VENDOR WHEN THE STATE COULD PROVIDE A SERVICE TO ITSELF. I SEE WHERE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AS KDHE BEING OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THAT IF THE STATE PROVIDING ITS OWN INTERNAL SOLUTION TO THAT ISSUE. I SEE THAT APPLYING IF AND WHEN WE GO OUT FULL BID WITH PRIVATE THIRD PARTY. FOR A SERVICE. JOHN, I SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT. AND I CERTAINLY AGREE THAT THAT WOULD ELIMINATE ANY QUESTIONS IF WE MADE IT FIT IN THAT WAY. BUT I DON'T SEE THAT STATUTE AS NECESSARILY REQUIRING US TO DO THAT WHEN WE AS THE STATE CAN PROVIDE THIS SERVICE FOR OURSELVES. >> OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT INTERPRETATION. HELPFUL. >> OTHER COMMISSIONERS, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE COMMISSIONER GARCIA, COMMISSIONER YOUNG, DO EITHER OF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? >> THIS IS XIMENA GARCIA. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ALSO EARLIER AND TO ME THAT KDHE SOLUTION FOR THIS YEAR MAKES SENSE FINANCIALLY AND MAKES SENSE, YOU KNOW, FOR THE PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE LIKE THEY ALWAYS DID. SO I AM IN FAVOR OF THAT AS WELL. >> COMMISSIONER YOUNG? >> THIS IS HEATHER. I AGREE WITH THE KDHE PART JUST TO GIVE US MORE TIME TO PUT THIS OUT FOR BID. >> OTHER COMMISSIONERS, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? >> THIS IS VICKI SCHMIDT AGAIN. AND I DO HAVE A CONCERN. YOU KNOW, WE AWARDED THIS CONTRACT BACK IN APRIL. MY NOTES SAY AT THE APRIL I THINK IT WAS 22nd MEETING AND AT THAT TIME, YOU KNOW, THE RFP HAD BEEN OUT ON THE STREET AND WE ALREADY HAD THE -- WE ALREADY HAD THE PROPOSALS IN FRONT OF US. MY CONCERN EVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR IS IF WE FOLLOW THAT TIMELINE, I MEAN, MY ONLY EXPERIENCE IN MY OWN AGENCY IS THAT IT TOOK US FOUR MONTHS TO GET A CUSTODIAL RFP DONE. YOU KNOW, PUTTING AN RFP OUT IS NO SMALL -- WITH THE TIME LINES THAT ARE IN THE PROFESSIONAL SUNSHINE ACT IT'S NO SMALL FEE TO GET THAT RFP OUT THERE. I DO AGREE -- I PULLED UP A STATUTE. I AGREE THAT SECTION B SAYS THAT THE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER IN BUT DOESN'T SAY THEY HAVE TO. AND I AGREE THAT WITH ANOTHER STATE AGENCY IT'S AN MOU, NOT A RFP PROCEDURE. SO I THINK THAT'S OKAY. BUT YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT APPROPRIATE TIME BUT BOY, I THINK THE PROPOSAL TO GO WITH KDHE, I MEAN, I NEVER -- I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD THING THAT SOMEBODY BACKED OUT OF A CONTRACT WITH US. IN FACT, I WISH THERE WERE LEGAL AVENUES WE COULD PURSUE ON THAT. BUT IN ANY REGARD, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT KDHE HAD DONE THAT PREVIOUSLY AND I REALLY THINK THAT FOR OUR STATE EMPLOYEES JUST FOR THE LOCATIONS AND WHERE KDHE ALREADY HAS THEIR PRESENCE THROUGHOUT OUR STATE, THIS IS REALLY THE BEST OPTION AND I APPLAUD DR. NORMAN AND THE SECRETARY AT KDHE FOR OFFERING THIS UP AND I WOULD STRONGLY BE IN FAVOR OF PURSUING THIS FOR THIS YEAR AND LOOKING AT IT FOR FUTURE YEARS. >> ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? IF NOT, I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. >> THIS IS XIMENA GARCIA. I WAS GOING TO SAY COMMISSIONERS THAT I AGREE WITH ALL THAT AND IN ADDITION, IT'S MUCH CHEAPER THAN THOSE OTHER THREE. SO IT MAKES SENSE ON

EVERY LEVEL TO EXPLORE IT FURTHER FOR THE FUTURE. SORRY ABOUT THE INTERRUPTION. >> JUST LIKEWISE ON THE IDEA OF CONSIDERING KDHE FOR A LONG TERM, MOST DEFINITELY. AND I ASSUME THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR FUTURE DISCUSSION AS WE LOOK TO THE YEARS FOR THE FLU VACCINES. >> THIS IS COMMISSIONER BURNS-WALLACE. I THINK WE'LL MAKE SURE WE BRING THIS TOPIC BACK INTO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION BECAUSE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DECISION WE MAKE TODAY WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO PICK THIS BACK UP RATHER QUICKLY SO THAT WE CAN START MAKING DECISIONS FOR '21. SO WE CAN PUT THIS AS AN ITEM FOR OUR UPCOMING MEETING AND MAYBE BY THEN WE'LL HAVE MORE INFORMATION AND BASED ON THE DECISION WE MAKE TODAY SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION IF THAT'S OKAY WITH ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN TERMS OF THE LONG TERM VIEW. >> I THINK THAT'S -- THIS IS VICKI SCHMIDT. THAT'S A WISE THING TO DO. I WOULD MAKE A MOTION TO ENTER -- TO HAVE THE HEALTH CARE COMMISSION ENTER INTO A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KDHE PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADMINISTER THE ON SITE FLU VACCINE PROGRAM FOR 2020. AND TO BE ABLE TO -- I DON'T WANT TO TIE THEIR HANDS ON THE PROPOSED COST. SO TO JUST BE ABLE TO ADMINISTER THAT ON SITE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM AND THEN KNOWING THAT WE WILL HAVE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. >> THIS IS STEVE. I SECOND. >> HEARING A FIRST AND A SECOND. ANY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? HEARING NONE. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A VOTE. BECAUSE WE'RE ON THE PHONE AND I CAN'T SEE ALL OF MY COMMISSIONERS I'M GOING TO DO IT BY ROLL CALL IF THE COMMISSIONERS WILL GIVE ME A BIT OF INDULGENCE JUST SO WE HAVE IT ON THE RECORD OF ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTING. SO ON THE MOTION THAT IS IN FRONT OF US, COMMISSIONER YOUNG. >> AYE. >> COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT. >> AYE. >> COMMISSIONER GARCIA. >> AYE. >> COMMISSIONER DECHANT. >> YES. >> AND COMMISSIONER BARNES WALLACE IS YES AS WELL. SO THAT IS UNANIMOUSLY AND WE WILL WORK WITH THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN AND KDHE TO PULL IN THE NECESSARY LEGAL TEAMS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PUT AN MOU IN PLACE. MIKE, I WILL ASK THAT ON OUR UPCOMING MEETING IN FEBRUARY THAT THIS IS A STANDING ITEM AND IF WE CAN HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AROUND BOTH THE KDHE AND WHAT WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE CAPABLE OF WHAT FEES ARE THIS YEAR AND BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT AND WHAT THINGS WE NEED TO DISCUSS AND ALSO BRING TO THAT MEETING TIMELINE-WISE IF YOU ARE TO PUT IT OUT FOR BID FOR 2021 WHAT OUR TIMELINE WOULD NEED TO BE IN OUR PROCESS SO THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY DISCUSS OUR 2021 OPTIONS AND THE TIMING OF THEM. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? >> YEAH. THIS IS MIKE MICHAEL. YES. WE'LL HAVE THAT INFORMATION READY FOR THE FEBRUARY 24th MEETING. I WANTED TO CLOSE ONE OF COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT'S QUESTIONS. WE CHECKED AND THE MARATHON FLU VACCINATION COST IS \$23. >> THIS IS VICKI. THANK YOU. >> ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT IF THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, THERE'S NOTHING ON OUR ADDITIONAL ON THE AGENDA. IF OUR COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO OTHER ISSUES AT THIS TIME. HEARING NONE WE WILL AT JOURNEY AND WE'LL SEE YOU ALL ON FEBRUARY 24th. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU YOU ALL. APPRECIATE IT. >> BYE-BYE.