

determine whether any additional rules or procedures will be followed to promote the orderly and effective conduct of the meeting for the purposes intended.

3. The parties will make the necessary arrangements to secure appropriate meeting rooms for the proceedings. The following suggestions are proposed:

Hays: Sternberg Museum of Natural History
3000 Sternberg Drive
Hays, Kansas 67601

Garden City: Plaza Inn Garden City
1911 East Kansas Avenue
Garden City, KS 67846

Wichita: Wichita State University
Rhatigan Center, East Ballroom
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260

Pittsburg: Pittsburg State University
Student Union, Balkans Room
302 East Cleveland
Pittsburg, KS. 66762

Topeka: Maner Conference Center
Capital Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS.

4. The proceedings shall be recorded and transcribed by a certified stenographic reporter.
5. Notice of public comment meetings shall be given together with the notice of the Special Meeting and the notice of the Public Hearing, which will have been provided no later than 7 days in advance of the first public comment meeting. Notice shall also be posted on the websites established by the KID and BCBSKS. Notice by publication, in the form of a display advertisement acceptable to the

Testimonial Team, shall be provided beginning no later than 15 days before the meetings in the manner and for the period described in paragraph 5 of the Procedural and Scheduling Order entered herein on August 21, 2001, provided that such notice by publication can be combined with the notice required by such order. In addition, the Kansas Insurance Department will issue a press release advising of the scheduled public comment meetings.

6. Notification of the time and place of the formal evidentiary Public Hearings will be provided to the attendees of the public comment comments at the beginning and end of the public comment meetings.

7. Set forth below is a proposed sequential order of the public comment meetings in relation to the approval of the Plan by the BCBSKS Board and mailing of notices. If those dates change, the commencement of the public comment meetings will change also.

T-1 Status Conference to determine hearing schedule

“T” Approval of Plan by BCBSKS Board – K.S.A. §40-4002(a)

T+1 Formal submission of Conversion Application – K.S.A. §40-4002(c)

T+21 Conclude distribution of combined Notice of Hearing, Notice of Public Comment Meetings and of Special Meeting to Eligible Policyholders; Publication of Notice in Selected Newspapers

T+28 Begin public comment meetings

8. The next two status conferences are rescheduled from October 29, 2001 and November 29, 2001. They are now scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2001, at 2:00 pm in Room 481W, Docking State Office Building, in Topeka, Kansas and Tuesday, November 13, 2001, at 9:30 am with the meeting location to be determined.

Dated: October ____, 2001.

Hon. Kathleen Sebelius
Commissioner of Insurance

NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the Scheduling Order and Preliminary Public Comment Plan, dated October ____, 2001 has this ____ day of October 2001, been sent to the below identified counsel or parties.

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