

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool
Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 3-14-18)
Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Talaris Conference Center, Maple Room**

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Kristy Hogue	Mark Rose
Andi Bailey	Shaun Koos	Sheela Tallman
Roger Bairstow	Lisa Matthews	Barbie Wood
AnnaLisa Gellermann	Alison Mondy (by phone)	

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present:

Sharon Becker, WSHIP Executive Director
Anita Wuellner, WSHIP Executive Assistant
Anne Redman, Legal Counsel, Perkins Coie LLP (by phone)

Guests:

BML (by phone): Bernie Jamieson and Debbie McCormick
Leif Associates (by phone): Liz Leif
First Choice Health Network: George Harper and Alicia Samson

Audience Members:

Karen Laible – Fresenius Medical Care
Michael Dunlop – Evergreen Health Insurance Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Introductions, Review Agenda.** Board members, staff, guests and members of the audience introduced themselves. Agenda Item 10, Planning Committee Report, First Choice Health Network Report, was rearranged to occur prior to Board Education.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION)**
 - A. **Minutes of November 8, 2017**
 - B. **2017 Board Schedule and Work Plan**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

3. **Executive Director's Report:** Sharon Becker reviewed her Executive Director's Report included in the meeting materials.
4. **Administrator's Report:**
 - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – November 2017:** Debbie McCormick reviewed the November 2017 WSHIP Dashboard included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

- A. WSHIP Financials – November 2017 (ACTION):** Bernie Jamieson reviewed the November 2017 WSHIP Financials included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued. Liz Leif pointed out that assessments for 2017 are lower than projected primarily due to a flattening of the pharmacy trend.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the November 2017 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

- 6. 2018 Board Schedule and Work Plan:** Ms. Becker presented and reviewed the 2018 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials. She pointed out that, if needed, market stabilization work will be added to the work plan. The review of the Basic Plus Plan is tentative and its timing will be further considered by the Planning Committee.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2018 Board Schedule and Work Plan as presented. The motion carried.

- 7. 2018 Administrative Budget:** Mr. Jamieson reviewed the updated 2018 Administrative Budget included in the meeting materials. Proposed administration fees from BML have been updated, and legal and consulting budgets have been increased for work related to market stabilization efforts. The most recent actuarial projections are included. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2018 Administrative Budget as presented. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Planning Committee Report: Alicia Samson introduced herself and provided a brief description of First Choice Health Network.

- A.** George Harper presented a report covering through the 2nd quarter of 2017 included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued. Upon request, Mr. Harper advised he will provide more details as to the high volume charge and look for cost per patient and the number of services per provider as well as the number of services per year for each of the previous years. He will also provide information on the types of services that were performed by hospital providers to better understand the high volume of the three hospitals.

(A break was taken from 9:57 a.m. to 10:14 a.m.)

- 8. Board Education – OIC Market Stability Initiative Project and Reinsurance Bill (*AnnaLisa Gellermann, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Policy and Legislation*):** Ms. Gellermann provided background, education and a status update on a Washington State reinsurance program currently proposed in Senate Bill 6062 and House Companion Bill 2355 at the request of the Insurance Commissioner. The bills call for a claims based reinsurance program beginning January 1, 2019. The program is estimated to require approximately \$200 million in funding and is contingent upon approval of a federal 1332 waiver application. If approved, the federal waiver is anticipated to provide \$40- to \$50 million towards the reinsurance program's funding. Currently, the bill directs WSHIP to operate the reinsurance program as a separate and distinct entity; however, the bill might be amended to direct the Washington Vaccine Association to operate the program since they

already have the infrastructure in place to administer TPA assessments which is part of the recommended funding structure. If passed and the wavier is approved, the timeframe to get the program developed, funded, and up and running is extremely short. Ms. Gellermann noted that reinsurance does not address the issue of bare counties. She noted that the Exchange is interested in meeting with WSHIP in the near future to discuss potential solutions for bare counties. Discussion ensued.

- 9. Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the recent Executive Committee meetings, noting that reinsurance has consumed the better part of discussions.

A. Reinsurance Administration: (Discussed above.)

(Guests and members of the audience exited the meeting room at 11:03 a.m.)

- 10. Executive Session – Human Resources, Contractual and Legal Matters:** The Board met for an executive session to discuss contractual and legal matters.

(Staff exited the meeting room at 11:14 a.m.)

Executive Session (continued): The Board met for an executive session to discuss a human resources matter.

(At 11:25 a.m., the meeting reconvened.)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Executive Committee’s recommendation to accept Benefit Management LLC’s proposed fees effective January 1, 2018. The motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, WA.