

Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 3-9-22)
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
By Virtual Zoom meeting

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Michael Dunlop	Molly Nollette (OIC)
Mark Rose, Vice Chair	Bill Ely	Sheela Tallman
Tracy Bos	Rick Hourigan MD	

Board Members Absent:

Cary Ancheta

Also Present:

Sharon Becker, WSHIP Executive Director
Anita Wuellner, WSHIP Executive Assistant

Guests:

BML: Jeremy Diehl, Carey LeMaster, Neil Ochs and Shannon Wolf
Express Scripts: Trish Burke, Justin Rickerson and Michael Stahl
First Choice Health: George Harper and Jamie Sebek
Leif Associates, Inc.: Liz Leif, FSA
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Members of the Public:

None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:03 a.m.

- 1. Introductions, Review Agenda:** Roll was called. No changes were made to the Agenda.
- 2. Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. Minutes of November 10, 2021**
 - B. 2021 Board Schedule and Work Plan**

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

- 3. Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Becker reviewed her Executive Director's report included in the meeting materials. She added that the Biden Administration is requiring private insurers to cover the costs of over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests beginning January 15, 2022. Technically this requirement doesn't apply to WSHIP since WSHIP is not defined as a health insurer or a health plan. However, BML and Express Scripts are quickly exploring administrative options for WSHIP if we choose to voluntarily add OTC COVID-19 test coverage. Due to the short timeline, the Executive Committee will meet to oversee this issue and act on behalf of the Board.
 - A. Legislative Update:** Sydney Smith Zvara reviewed the Legislative Update included in the meeting materials, noting it will be a short all-virtual session beginning on January 10th and ending on

March 10th. Discussion ensued.

4. First Choice Health Network Report: George Harper and Jamie Sebek presented a report on WSHIP's 2021 year-end information with the network.

5. Administrator's Report:

A. WSHIP Dashboard – November 2021: Shannon Wolf reviewed the November 2021 Dashboard included in the meeting materials. She also addressed outstanding questions from the November 2021 Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

6. Treasurer's Report:

A. WSHIP Financials – November 2021: Jeremy Diehl presented the WSHIP Financials for November 2021 included in the meeting materials.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the November 2021 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

7. Executive Committee Report: Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the December 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

A. 2022 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda: Ms. Becker reviewed the 2022 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials, noting it was approved at the last Board meeting with the Board requesting a statement be included about the impacts to WSHIP and its population of COVID-19. That statement was added and approved by the Executive Committee at its December 2022 meeting.

8. 2022 Board Schedule and Work Plan: Ms. Becker reviewed the Preliminary 2022 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 Board Schedule and Work Plan as presented. The motion carried.

9. 2022 Administrative Budget: Ms. Becker presented the 2022 Administrative Budget included in the meeting materials, noting it has been updated with December 2021 information. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 Administrative Budget as presented. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

10. Executive Session: At 9:52 a.m. an executive session with Board members and Anne Redman was held regarding a human resources matter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.