

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool
Special Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 11-8-17)
Monday, October 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Talaris Conference Center, Boardroom and By Telephone**

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Lisa Matthews (by phone)	Sheela Tallman
Roger Bairstow (by phone)	Alison Mondì	Barbie Wood (by phone)
Kristy Hogue (by phone)	Mark Rose (by phone)	

Board Members Absent: Andi Bailey, AnnaLisa Gellermann and Shaun Koos

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BMI: Debbie McCormick and Shannon Wolf (by phone)
Leif Associates: Liz Leif (by phone)

Audience Members:

Karen Laible, Fresenius Medical Care

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Walter Wright, Chair, at 12:04 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call / Review Agenda.** Anita Wuellner called roll. No changes were made to the Agenda.
- 2. 2018 WSHIP Rates (ACTION):** Liz Leif reviewed her October 16, 2017 Memorandum documenting calculation of the 2018 WSHIP rates included in the meeting materials. She advised that per the Board's discussion at the September 27 Board meeting she calculated the WSHIP rates based on approved carrier rates that assumed federal cost-sharing reductions (CSRs) would be funded. Since cost-sharing reductions are only available for coverage on the Exchange, WSHIP's rates are not affected by the loss of CSR funding. The proposed WSHIP rate changes for 2018 are an average increase of approximately 18% for non-Medicare plans, 0.3% for Medicare Basic and 1.5% for Basic Plus. She also reviewed the Exhibits attached to the Memorandum. Discussion ensued.

Kristen Walter Wright advised that the Executive Committee met earlier this morning and recommends moving forward with the rates Ms. Leif has presented.

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

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, WA.