

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool**  
**FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 1-8-2020)**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
**Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, Orcas Room**

**Board Members Present:**

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Bill Ely	Alison Mondri
Cary Ancheta	Kristy Hogue	Mark Rose
Mike Bryant (OIC) <i>representing Molly Nollette</i>	Rick Hourigan MD	
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**Board Members Absent:** Andi Bailey and Roger Bairstow

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

BML: Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard  
Express Scripts: Amy Williams (via telephone)  
Leif Associates: Liz Leif (via telephone)  
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman  
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

**Audience Members:** Karen Laible, Fresenius

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Walter Wright, Chair at 9:06 a.m.

1. **Introductions, Review Agenda.** Board members, staff, guests and members of the audience introduced themselves. No changes were made to the Agenda.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
  - A. **Minutes of September 25, 2019**
  - B. **2019 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.
  - A. **2020 Medicare Advantage Study:** Liz Leif reviewed the 2020 Medicare Advantage Study included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued. Staff will revisit this statutory requirement with the OIC in the coming year to see if any changes to this requirement or its definition of reasonable choice may be warranted.
4. **Administrator's Report**
  - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – September 2019:** Shannon Wolf reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for September 2019 included in the meeting materials.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

- A. WSHIP Financials – September 2019 (ACTION):** Greg Woodyard reviewed the September 2019 WSHIP Financials included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the September 2019 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.**

- B. 2020 Cash Flow Forecast:** Mr. Woodyard reviewed the 2020 Cash Flow Forecast included in the meeting materials.
- C. 2019 Interim Assessment III (ACTION):** Mr. Woodyard presented a proposed 2019 Interim Assessment III of \$8.5 million.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2019 Interim III assessment in the amount of \$8.5 million. The motion carried.**

- 6. Legislative Update:** Sydney Smith Zvara updated the Board on recent and upcoming meetings with legislators and other legislative contacts as well as the upcoming short legislative session. She distributed and reviewed an updated timeline of coming events.

- 7. Executive Committee Report:** Kristen Walter Wright provided an update on the October 14, 2019 and October 31, 2019, Executive Committee meetings.

- A. 2020 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda (ACTION):** Ms. Becker reviewed the proposed 2020 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials. She advised that items that were brought up at the retreat have been included. Rick Hourigan offered a suggested change to add in the Medicare Program paragraph that the Med Advantage plans do not accept enrollees with advanced kidney disease “until 2021” and this change will be included. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2020 WSHIP Board Policy as presented with the addition of “until 2021” in the Current Status of the Pool, Medicare Program sentence so that it reads as follows: “Medicare Advantage plans do not accept enrollees with advanced kidney disease until 2021...” The motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** Karen Laible advised she was pleased to learn about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act requirement that Medicare Advantage Plans are to accept ESRD patients in 2021 which is good news for their ESRD patients.

**(A break was taken from 10:10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.)**

- 8. Preliminary 2020 Board Schedule and Work Plan:** Ms. Becker reviewed the preliminary 2020 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials. She also suggested that the Board consider holding a mini-retreat in May or June depending upon the outcomes of the legislative session and relevant studies/projects such as Cascade Care.

**9. Preliminary 2020 Administrative Budget:** Ms. Becker reviewed the Preliminary 2020 Administrative Budget included in the meeting materials as well as the budget assumptions.

**10. Proposed Amendment to Bylaws – Quorum Definition:** Anne Redman distributed and presented a preview of potential changes the Board could consider with respect to the quorum requirement in the WSHIP Bylaws due to the difficulties WSHIP is experiencing in obtaining Governor appointments for two Board positions. Discussion ensued. The Executive Committee will meet in December 2019 to discuss further amendment options.

(Staff, guests and members of the public exited the meeting at 10:59 a.m.)

**11. Executive Session:** An Executive session was held regarding a human resources matter.

(Staff, guests and members of the public entered the meeting at 11:07 a.m.)

**The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Mercer Room of the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, Seattle, WA.