

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool  
Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 1-10-18)  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Talaris Conference Center, Maple Room**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Andi Bailey, AnnaLisa Gellermann

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

BML (by phone): Debbie McCormick  
Leif Associates (by phone): Liz Leif

**Audience Members:**

Sonia Edmonson, Northwest Kidney Centers  
Michael Dunlop, Evergreen Health Insurance Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:02 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 27, 2017 and October 16, 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. She distributed and reviewed two new educational documents that have been developed: WSHIP at-a-Glance - Fall 2017 and WSHIP History, Mission & Funding Summary.
  - A. **2018 Medicare Advantage Study:** Actuary Liz Leif reviewed her 2018 Medicare Advantage Actuarial Equivalence study included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued, including the topic of the 5-year track record as it applies to reasonable choice. There are a growing number of Medicare Advantage plans that are new to the market and do not meet that requirement.
4. **Administrator's Report:**
  - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – September 2018:** Debbie McCormick reviewed the September 2018 WSHIP Dashboard included in the meeting materials. As a result of discussion at the last Board

meeting, the dashboard now covers a 12-month trend. Discussion ensued.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- A. WSHIP Financials – September 2017 (ACTION):** Ms. McCormick reviewed the September 2017 WSHIP Financials included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

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

- B. 2018 Cash Flow Forecast:** Ms. McCormick reviewed the 2018 Cash Flow Forecast included in the meeting materials.

- C. 2017 Interim Assessment III (ACTION):** Ms. McCormick presented the \$8.5 million assessment request for Interim III.

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

- 6. Preliminary 2018 Board Schedule and Work Plan:** Ms. Becker presented and reviewed the preliminary 2018 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials. The final work plan will be approved at the January Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

- 7. Preliminary 2018 Administrative Budget:** Ms. McCormick reviewed the preliminary 2018 administrative budget included in the meeting materials. The final budget will be approved at the January Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:** None.

**(A break was taken from 10:08 a.m. to 10:23 a.m.)**

- 8. Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the recent Executive Committee meeting, noting special projects may include tasks related to the OIC's market stabilization project as well as evaluating whether or not to discontinue the Basic Plus plan. She further noted that all four carrier representatives are up for election next year due to the timing of replacements for Jamie Clark and Scott Plack. Discussion ensued as to Board's position on reinsurance administration if WSHIP is considered for that responsibility, potential representation needs and responsibilities of the Board, potential statute changes, etc. Ms. Becker advised that staff and Board Member Shaun Koos are planning to attend the OIC/HBE stakeholder meeting in Olympia this afternoon to learn more about the findings of their Market Stabilization Project actuarial study and next steps.

- A. 2018 Policy Agenda Discussion:** Ms. Walter Wright advised the committee discussed the need for a 2018 Policy Agenda, with the consensus being to hold off until the market stabilization project is further along. The Board agreed with the consensus.

- 9. Planning Committee Report:** Lisa Matthews provided an update on the recent Planning Committee meetings. She noted the committee reviewed and approved WSHIP's annual Outreach and Publicity

Plan and discussed the issues and challenges of WSHIP becoming a qualified health plan. Discussion ensued.

**10. Executive Session:** No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, WA.