

Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 1-11-23)
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
By Virtual Zoom meeting

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Halee Heath	Molly Nollette
Tracy Bos	Dr. Rick Hourigan	Mark Rose
Michael Dunlop	Karen Lewis Smith	

Board Members Absent:

Sheela Tallman
Jim Dixson

Also Present:

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

Guests:

ValueHealth Benefit Administrators (VHBA): Jeremy Diehl, Neil Ochs and Shannon Wolf
Express Scripts: Justin Rickerson and Charles Yuk
First Choice Health: Jamie Sebek
Leif Associates, Inc.: Liz Leif, FSA
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Members of the Public:

None

Chair Kristen Walter Wright called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. **Introductions, Review Agenda:** Anita Wuellner called roll. No changes were made to the Agenda.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. **Minutes of September 28, 2022**
 - B. **2022 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. **2023 Medicare Advantage Study:** Liz Leif reviewed her 2023 Medicare Advantage analysis included in the meeting materials.
4. **Administrator's Report:**
 - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – September 2022:** Neil Ochs reviewed the September 2022 Dashboard included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. WSHIP Financials – September 2022:** Jeremy Diehl presented the WSHIP Financials for September 2022 included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the September 2022 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

- B. 2022 Interim Assessment III:** Jeremy Diehl recommended an interim III assessment in the amount of \$5 million.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve a 2022 Interim Assessment III in the amount of \$5 million. The motion carried.

- 6. Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright commented that the policy agenda was discussed at the Board retreat and Ms. Becker incorporated some minor changes pursuant to that discussion.

- A. 2023 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda:** Ms. Becker advised that the 2023 Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials has been updated, primarily in the description of the Medicare program to provide additional detail for the purpose of clarity in understanding the importance of secondary coverage for high-risk Medicare enrollees. In the “current status of the pool” section, pending Board approval, Ms. Becker will update the data through September.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2023 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda as presented with statistics updated through September 2022. The motion carried.

7. Planning Committee Report:

- A. Yearly Pharmacy Report:** Charles Yuk and Justin Rickerson reviewed the 2021 Express Scripts presentation included in the Board of Directors' meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

- 8. Preliminary 2023 Board Schedule and Work Plan:** Ms. Becker reviewed the preliminary 2023 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials. She pointed out the special projects, noting that pursuant to statute we will issue an RFP for Administrator as our temporary waiver from the OIC for this requirement has expired.

- 9. Preliminary 2023 Administrative Budget:** Ms. Becker and Mr. Diehl reviewed the preliminary 2023 Administrative Budget included in the meeting materials, noting that it will be updated after year end and presented at the January 2023 meeting.

Public Comment: There were no public comments made.

(At 10:05 a.m., Board members were placed in a break-out room.)

- 10. Executive Session:** An Executive Session was held regarding a human resources matter.

(At 10:10 a.m., the break-out room closed, and the Board members rejoined the public meeting.)

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.