



Executive Director Report

March 2023

By Sharon Becker, Executive Director, March 2, 2023

Administration

RFP for Administrator – The RFP for Administrator was issued on February 15, 2023 for a three-year contract term beginning January 1, 2024. Proposals are due April 12, 2023.

2024 Assessment Projections – Preliminary assessment projections for 2024 are currently being developed and will be sent to member plans. These projections will be based on current market conditions (i.e., individual health plans are offered in all counties in Washington State; therefore, WSHIP non-Medicare plans are closed to new enrollment).

Board

Election Nomination Process – The election process for Board member positions 7 (Disability) and 9 (HMO's) is underway. The Notice of Elections and Request for Nominations will be sent to eligible member plans on March 6; nominations are open until March 27, 2023. The election will take place at the May 10, 2023 Member Plan meeting.

Governor-Appointed Board Opening – The large employer representative position on the WSHIP Board is still in need of applications. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying, please ask them to contact me or Ambar Algera, Director Boards & Commissions at the Governor's office, at ambar.algera@gov.wa.gov

June 1, 2023 Governor-Appointed Board Openings – The terms for WSHIP's Agent Representative (Mark Rose) and Small Employer Representative (Jim Dixon) will be ending on May 31, 2023. Eligible incumbents may re-apply for an additional term, and new applications are also welcome by the Governor's office.

Washington State Government

2023 Legislative Session – The 2023 legislative session is now at the halfway point. March 8 is the last day to pass bills out of their house of origin. To date there are no bills of direct impact to WSHIP. Legislators' work this session includes finalizing the state's biennium budget. Representative Marcus Riccelli is the new chair of the House Healthcare & Wellness Committee, replacing former chair Eileen Cody.

WA Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) – Ingrid Ulrey became the new CEO of the WA Health Benefit Exchange on March 1.

Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) – Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Scott Kipper, recently left the WA OIC to head up the Nevada Division of Insurance.

HCA Health Care Cost Transparency Board – April 19 is the next scheduled meeting of the Transparency Board.