

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool**  
**FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 9-30-20)**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
**By TELECONFERENCE ONLY; 1-800-356-8278 Passcode 609318**

**Board Members Present:**

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| Mark Rose, Vice Chair | Rick Hourigan MD | Molly Nollette |
| Cary Ancheta          | Hiu-Wan Ko       | Kristy Valdez  |
| Bill Ely              | Alison Mondri    |                |

**Board Members Absent:** Kristen Walter Wright, Chair

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

BML: Dallas Scrip, President, Carey LeMaster, Neil Ochs, Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard  
Express Scripts: Jackie Bond and Amy Macnary  
Leif Associates: Liz Leif  
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman  
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

**Members of the public:**

Wendy Schrag, Fresenius Medical Care  
Karen Laible, Fresenius Medical Care

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mark Rose at 9:02 a.m.

- 1. Introductions, Review Agenda:** Roll was called; Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves. No changes were made to the Agenda.
- 2. Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
  - A. Minutes of March 11, 2020**
  - B. 2020 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. Sydney Smith Zvara advised that a special legislative session is anticipated to be called this summer regarding COVID-19 after the release of the June budget. Discussion ensued.

**4. Administrator's Report:**

- A. 2019 Yearly Operating Report** – Shannon Wolf reviewed the 2019 Yearly Operating Report included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.
- B. 2019 Care Management Report** – Ms. Wolf presented the 2019 Care Management Report of MedWatch.
- C. WSHIP Dashboard – March 2020:** Ms. Wolf reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for March 2020 included in the meeting materials. She also provided a brief update on COVID-19 impact on WSHIP. Discussion ensued.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

- A. WSHIP Financials – March 2020 (ACTION):** Greg Woodyard presented the WSHIP Financials for March 2020 included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the March 2020 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.**

- B. 2020 Interim Assessment II (in July) (ACTION):** Greg Woodyard presented a proposed 2020 Interim Assessment II of \$9 million.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2020 Interim II assessment in the amount of \$9 million. The motion carried.**

**6. Governance Committee Report:** Cary Ancheta provided an update on the May 1, 2020 meeting.

- A. Member Plan Meeting – Board Election Results:** Ms. Becker advised that Sheela Tallman was elected to the Class A, Position 7 director position for a term beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023 at the annual Member Plan meeting that took place just prior to this Board meeting. She and Mr. Rose thanked Kristy Valdez on behalf of the full Board for her service on the Board, and Ms. Valdez expressed her appreciation for the experience.
- B. Board Officer Nomination Recommendations and Election (ACTION):** Cary Ancheta advised that the committee presents a recommendation for officer positions as follows: Kristen Walter Wright as Chair, Mark Rose as Vice Chair, Alison Mondy as Secretary and Bill Ely as Treasurer.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the officer elections of Kristen Walter Wright as Board Chair, Mark Rose as Vice Chair, Alison Mondy as Secretary and Bill Ely as Treasurer for a June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 term. The motion carried.**

**7. Planning Committee Report:** Mr. Ely provided an update on the May 6, 2020 meeting.

- A. Updates to WSHIP Bare County Preparedness Plan (ACTION):** Ms. Becker presented updates to the WSHIP Bare County Preparedness Plan included in the meeting materials, noting the redlining represents changes that the committee recommends to the plan. Comment was made that there has been discussion regarding silver and bronze plan offerings, and WSHIP might want to consider offering more than one Bare County plan. Ms. Becker suggested changing item 2 of preparedness

plan's strategies to "Develop 1 or more new WSHIP "Bare County" plans..." Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the updates to the WSHIP Bare County Preparedness Plan with the revision that 1 or more new WSHIP Bare County plans will be developed. The motion carried.**

**B. Medicare Plans Cures Act Evaluation – Project Update:** Ms. Becker, Liz Leif and Ms. Smith Zvara presented the Medicare Plans Cures Act update included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued. Anne Redman advised that a change to WSHIP's plan policy would be required to terminate coverage if an enrollee's county develops reasonable choice after enrollment in WSHIP. Further discussion ensued.

**8. Joint Executive & Planning Committee Report:** Mr. Rose advised the committee met on April 13, 2020 primarily to review and provide input on the Non-Medicare Sunset Evaluation project.

**A. Non-Medicare Sunset Evaluation – Project Update:** Ms. Becker, Liz Leif and Sydney Smith Zvara provided an update on the Non-Medicare Sunset Evaluation project update included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

**9. Executive Committee Report:** Mr. Rose provided an update on the April 13, 2020 meeting.

**A. Temporary Extension of Grace Period for Payment of Premiums:** Mr. Rose advised that the committee temporarily extended the grace period for premium payments from 31 to 60 days, going through May 31, 2020. Ms. Wolf provided an update of the number of enrollees who have currently fallen into this category. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:** Wendy Schrag of Fresenius Medical Care thanked WSHIP for its analysis of the Medicare Advantage plans in our state. Fresenius will begin patient education this summer to let their ESRD patients know about open enrollment and the new choices they now have. She noted that many patients have co-morbidities and the Medicare Advantage plans often include additional benefits such as dental plans which is a good benefit for their patients.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.