

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool
Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 9-26-18)
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Talaris Conference Center, Maple Room**

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Hiu-Wan Ko	Mark Rose
Roger Bairstow	Shaun Koos	Barbie Wood (by phone)
AnnaLisa Gellermann	Lisa Matthews	
Kristy Hogue	Alison Mondy (by phone)	

Board Members Absent: Andi Bailey

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BML (by phone): Bernie Jamieson, Debbie McCormick and Shannon Wolf
Express Scripts (by phone): Amy Daily, Dennis Tramel and Harris Zayaae
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Audience Members:

Michael Dunlop, Evergreen Health Insurance Program
Wendy Galloway, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Karen Laible, Fresenius Medical Care

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:05 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 March 14, 2018**
 - B. **2018 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.
4. **Administrator's Report:**
 - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – March 2018:** Debbie McCormick reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for March 2018 included in the meeting materials.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Roger Bairstow noted that the OIC is in the process of conducting a 5-year financial audit of WSHIP and they have been onsite at BML.

- A. **WSHIP Financials – March 2018 (ACTION):** Bernie Jamieson reviewed the March 2018 WSHIP Financials included in the meeting materials.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the March 2018 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

- B. **2018 Interim Assessment II (in July) (ACTION):** Mr. Jamieson presented a proposed 2018 Interim II assessment of \$10 million.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2018 Interim II assessment in the amount of \$10 million as presented. The motion carried.

- 6. **Governance Committee Report:** Shaun Koos reported the committee reviewed WSHIP's committee structure and charters and recommends no changes. The committee also reviewed all Board policies and recommends no changes other than updates to WSHIP's Rate-Setting Principles that the Executive Committee is planning to discuss and recommend today. The committee approved several enhancements made by staff to the Board Orientation Manual. He noted that a copy of the updated orientation manual is in the back of each Board binder and available to take if desired.

- A. **Member Plan Meeting – Board Election Results:** Mr. Koos advised a Member Plan meeting was held just prior to today's Board meeting. The results of the election were that Kristen Walter Wright was elected to represent All Member Plans, Hiu-Wan Ko was elected to represent Health Care Service Contractors, Kristy Hogue was elected to represent Disability and Stop Loss Members, and Bill Ely was elected to represent Health Maintenance Organizations. On behalf of the Board, he thanked Barbie Wood for her service on the Board and welcomed Bill Ely who will begin his term on June 1, 2018.

- B. **Board Officer Nomination Recommendations and Election (ACTION):** Mr. Koos advised our current Board officers have agreed to serve for the next year and no other nominations were received. The Governance committee recommends approval.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the officer elections of Kristen Walter Wright as Board Chair, Mark Rose as Vice Chair, Roger Bairstow as Treasurer and Alison Mondy as Secretary for a June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 term. The motion carried.

- 7. **Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the recent Executive Committee meeting, noting bare county preparedness was discussed as well as proposed visits and communications with legislative representatives.

- A. **Recommended Updates to Rate-Setting Principles (ACTION):** Ms. Becker reviewed the recommended updates to the Rate-Setting Principles, noting they are intended to provide clarifications.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the recommended updates to the Rate-Setting Principles as presented. The motion carried.

- B. **Interim Session Communication Planning:** Sydney Smith Zvara provided an update to the interim session communication planning, noting the purpose will be to hear what the legislators'

needs and priorities are for 2019, and provide information about WSHIP including how we can assist and participate in early planning activities related to WSHIP. Ms. Becker advised she and Ms. Smith Zvara will also be meeting with people from the OIC and HBE as well as advocacy organizations. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Wendy Galloway suggested taking someone with them to tell their story of how WSHIP is helping them.

(A break was taken from 9:45 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.)

8. Planning Committee Report: Lisa Matthews provided an update on the recent Planning Committee meetings.

A. Yearly Pharmacy Report: Ms. Smith Zvara advised we've been working with Express Scripts to enhance the pharmacy reports to the Board, and at the September meeting they will present in person some 5-year trends along with providing an educational session on pharmacy pricing and the role of the PBM.

Amy Daily, Dennis Tramel and Harris Zayae reviewed the pharmacy benefits program slide presentation distributed at the meeting. Discussion ensued. Express Scripts will follow up at the September meeting with more information on rebates and drug pricing.

B. Bare County Preparedness Plan (ACTION): Ms. Becker reviewed the Draft Bare County Preparedness Plan included in the meeting materials, noting it is unlikely that WSHIP will be needed to cover bare counties in 2019. The Planning Committee recommends approval of the plan. Discussion ensued. A suggestion was made to mirror the requirement in ESHB 2408 of SEBB and PEBB carriers in 2020 by offering only a gold and silver plan. Discussion ensued as to the reasoning for including a bronze-level plan in this bare county preparedness plan as recommended to the Planning Committee by Liz Leif. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Koos offered thanks for the proactive preparations.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Draft Bare County Preparedness Plan as presented. The motion carried.

C. Benefit Review Recommendations: Ms. Matthews advised that the committee recommends not making changes for 2019 to WSHIP's current benefit plans. The committee also recommends deferring until next year our re-evaluation of whether to potentially discontinue the Basic Plus Plan.

D. Vendor Review: Ms. Matthews advised the committee reviewed vendor performance and does not recommend issuing any RFPs at this time.

9. Board Education – Market Stabilization: Looking Ahead to 2019: AnnaLisa Gellermann provided a look ahead to 2019 from the perspective of the OIC regarding market stabilization. Topics discussed included the following:

- Potential premium increases in the individual market.
- Uncertainty about federal regulations.
- Premera's pledge to use a portion of its tax windfall to cover bare counties in 2019.

- Short-term plan regulations.
- Federal mandate but no penalty.
- Potential re-look at reinsurance.
- Potential introduction of a bill regarding surprise billing.
- AADR, alternative access dispute request, for dialysis.
- Opiates -- access to care, alternative medicine, behavioral and mental health issues and integrating them into one agency.
- Social determinants of health.

10. Executive Session: No executive session was held.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, WA.