

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool
Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 11-14-18)
Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Talaris Conference Center, Maple Room**

Board Members Present:

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| Mark Rose, Vice Chair | Kristy Hogue (by phone) | Lisa Matthews (by phone) |
| Roger Bairstow | Hiu-Wan Ko | Alison Mondri |
| Bill Ely | Shaun Koos | Molly Nollette |

Board Members Absent: Andi Bailey and Kristen Walter Wright

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BML: Derek Bridges and Shannon Wolf (in person), and Bernie Jamieson (by phone)
Express Scripts: Amy Daily
Leif Associates: Liz Leif
Washington Health Benefit Exchange: Molly Voris
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Audience Members:

Karen Laible, Fresenius Medical Care
Michael Dunlop, Evergreen Health Insurance Program

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mark Rose 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 except to move action on the Consent Agenda to after the break.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. **Minutes of May 9, 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. **2019 Board Meeting Schedule:** Ms. Becker presented the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule, noting the September meeting is late in the month to allow time for the OIC to approve carriers' rate filings, thereby allowing time for WSHIP's actuary to prepare and present WSHIP's rates. Board consensus is to accept the 2019 Board meeting schedule as presented.
5. **State of the Exchange:** Molly Voris, Chief Policy Officer for the Washington Health Benefit Exchange, presented an update on the state of the Exchange. A copy of the presentation is included in the meeting materials. Molly Nollette provided supplementary information. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: No public comment.

(A break was taken from 10:08 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.)

6. Administrator's Report:

- A. WSHIP Dashboard – July 2018:** Shannon Wolf reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for July 2018 included in the meeting materials.

7. Treasurer's Report:

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

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

- B. 2019 Forecast:** Mr. Jamieson reviewed the 2019 Forecast. Discussion ensued.

8. 2019 WSHIP Rates:

- A. Review WSHIP Rate-setting Principles:** The Rate-setting Principles were included in the meeting materials for reference.
- B. 2019 WSHIP Rates (ACTION):** Liz Leif reviewed her Proposed 2019 WSHIP Rates Memorandum included in the meeting materials documenting calculation of the 2019 rates. The proposed WSHIP rates changes for 2019 are an average increase for non-Medicare plans of approximately 3% ranging from -7% to +18%, and an average increase for the Medicare plans of approximately 3% for Basic and 4% for Basic Plus. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2019 WSHIP Rates as presented. The motion carried.

9. Planning Committee Report:

- A. Yearly Pharmacy Report – Part 2:** Amy Daily reviewed the WSHIP Pharmacy Benefits Program Update distributed at the meeting. Discussion ensued.

10. Executive Committee Report:

- A. 2018 Auditor Engagement:** Mark Rose advised that the Executive Committee approved the 2018 Auditor Engagement letter from Petrow Leemhuis.
- B. Draft 2019 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda:** Ms. Becker reviewed the Draft 2019 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials. She noted that input from the Board retreat was incorporated in this draft and invited additional comments and suggestions. She advised

that a final version will be presented by the Executive Committee for approval at the November 2018 meeting.

11. Executive Session: No executive session was held.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, WA.