

Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 11-10-21)
Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
By Virtual Zoom meeting

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair
Mark Rose, Vice Chair
Cary Ancheta

Tracy Bos
Michael Dunlop
Bill Ely

Rick Hourigan MD
Molly Nollette (OIC)
Sheela Tallman

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BML: Jeremy Diehl, Neil Ochs, Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard
Express Scripts: Amy Williams
First Choice Health Network: Chris Misner
Leif Associates, Inc.: Liz Leif, FSA
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Members of the Public:

Karen Laible, Fresenius

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:03 a.m.

1. **Introductions, Review Agenda:** Roll was called. No changes were made to the Agenda.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. **Minutes of May 12, 2021**
 - B. **2021 Board Schedule and Work Plan**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

3. **Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Becker reviewed her Executive Director's report included in the meeting materials.
4. **Administrator's Report**
 - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – July 2021:** Neil Ochs, WSHIP's Account Manager with BML, reviewed the July 2021 Dashboard included in the meeting materials.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. WSHIP Financials – July 2021:** Greg Woodyard presented the WSHIP Financials for July 2021 included in the meeting materials.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the July 2021 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

- B. 2022 Forecast:** Mr. Woodyard reviewed the 2022 Forecast included in the meeting materials.

- 6. 2022 WSHIP Rates:** Liz Leif reviewed her Proposed 2022 WSHIP Rates Memorandum included in the meeting materials. Upon approval, she will submit the rate filing with the OIC. The proposed WSHIP rate changes for 2022 are an average change for non-Medicare plans of approximately -1% ranging from -6% to +5%; the rate change for the Medicare plans is an increase of 6% for Basic Plus and 5% for the Medical Supplement plan. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 WSHIP Rates as presented. The motion carried.

7. Executive Committee Report:

- A. 2021 Auditor Engagement Letter:** Ms. Walter Wright advised that the Executive Committee approved the 2021 auditor engagement letter from Michael Barton, CPA, of Petrow Kane Leemhuis PC.
- B. 2022 Board Policy Agenda Planning:** The committee recommends that the 2022 Board Policy Agenda be educational in nature with no requested changes to the statute.
- C. OIC Rulemaking on WSHIP:** Molly Nollette provided information about the OIC's Proposed Rulemaking for WSHIP, noting that a hearing is scheduled for October 26th and Ms. Becker, Ms. Zvara and Anne Redman will attend.

8. Governance Committee Report:

- A. Cary Ancheta** reported on the upcoming October 1st Board Retreat, noting the Agenda is well-balanced and the educational topics being presented will be very beneficial. She advised that Sydney Smith Zvara will facilitate the retreat.

9. Planning Committee Report:

- A. Medicare Program:** Bill Ely updated the Board on the recent Planning Committee meeting, noting that they are continuing to monitor the impact of the 21st Century Cures Act on WSHIP's Medicare program.
- B. Vendor Review:** Mr. Ely advised that no RFPs for network or PBM services are recommended. Ms. Becker advised that WSHIP will continue its practice of having Express Scripts' renewal pricing evaluated by an independent consultant to make sure its pricing is market competitive.

Public Comment: None.

10. Executive Session: At 10:02 a.m. an executive session with Board members and Anne Redman was held regarding a human resources matter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. via Zoom virtual meeting