



Executive Director Report

May 2019

By Sharon Becker, Executive Director, May 1, 2019

Administration

Annual Report – WSHIP’s Annual Report for 2018 has been completed. The report will be distributed via email in the next few weeks. A small number of printed copies will also be available.

Health Annual Statement – WSHIP has filed its Health Annual Statement with the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC) as required by RCW 48.41.070. The statement is due each year by May 1.

2020 Assessment Projections – Notification of WSHIP’s Projected 2020 Assessments was sent to member plans in March 2019. These projections will be updated throughout the year. It is important to note that our projections are based on current market conditions (i.e., individual plans are offered in all counties; therefore, WSHIP non-Medicare plans remain closed to new enrollment).

Board

Member Plan Elections – The election process for Board member position 9 will take place at the May 8th Annual Member Plan meeting. Results will be announced at the Board meeting which immediately follows. The results will also be posted to our website.

Governor Appointments – The Governor’s Boards and Commissions Office is in the process of finalizing June 1, 2019 appointments for WSHIP’s provider and consumer representative positions. Current board members, Shaun Koos (provider) and Lisa Matthews (consumer), will be ending their terms May 31, 2019.

The Governor appointment for WSHIP’s small business representative is still pending applications. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying, please ask them to contact me at sbecker@wship.org or Keith Swenson, Director of Boards & Commissions at the Governor’s office, at Keith.Swenson@gov.wa.gov.

Washington State Government

2019 Legislative Session – The 105-day session ended on time on April 28, 2019. Affordability and access were overarching areas of health policy focus this session. A summary of the bills that we were following will be presented at the Board meeting.

Olympia Visits – In late March, Sydney Zvara and I had one-on-one meetings with Representative Cody, Senator Randall, and Jason McGill to share WSHIP program updates. We will be scheduling visits throughout the upcoming interim session with legislators and others to learn about their priorities and needs for the 2020 session and provide updates related to WSHIP.