

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool**  
**FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 1-13-21)**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
**By TELECONFERENCE ONLY; 1-800-356-8278 Passcode 609318**

**Board Members Present:**

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Bill Ely	Mark Rose
Cary Ancheta	Sarah Kwiatkowski	Sheela Tallman
Judith Bendersky (OIC) (Board meeting only)	Alison Mondri	
	Molly Nollette (OIC) (Executive Session only)	

**Board Members Absent:** Rick Hourigan MD

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

BML: Carey LeMaster, Neil Ochs, Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard  
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 Chair Kristen Walter Wright 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 September 30, 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:** Ms. Becker reviewed her Executive Director's report included in the meeting materials.
  - A. 2021 Medicare Advantage Study:** Liz Leif presented and reviewed her 2021 Medicare Advantage Reasonable Choice Analysis included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.
  - B. Legislative Update:** Sydney Smith Zvara provided an update to the Board, noting she met with Representative Cody regarding the non-Medicare sunset date and provided her with the study WSHIP recently conducted about the potential impact of ending these plans on December 31, 2022.

Rep. Cody appreciated receiving the study report and recommends that legislation be brought forward during the 2021 session to remove the sunset provision altogether. Sydney will follow-up with Rep. Cody and Rep. Schmick regarding next steps for bill sponsorship and drafting. Discussion ensued.

**4. Administrator's Report:**

- A. WSHIP Dashboard – September 2020:** Shannon Wolf reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for September 2020 included in the meeting materials.

(Shannon Wolf exited the meeting at 9:35 a.m.)

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

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

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

- B. 2020 Interim Assessment III (ACTION):** Mr. Woodyard recommends reducing the planned assessment from \$7 million to \$5 million.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2020 Interim III assessment in the amount of \$5 million. The motion carried.**

**6. Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright updated the Board on the recent Executive Committee meeting.

- A. Administrative Services Renewal (ACTION):** Ms. Walter Wright advised that the Executive Committee recommends approval of Benefit Management's proposed fees effective January 1, 2021 as discussed during the Executive Session of the September Board meeting.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed fees for Benefit Management LLC effective January 1, 2021.**

- B. 2021 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda (ACTION):** Ms. Becker reviewed the Draft 2021 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials. The Executive Committee recommends it for Board approval. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2021 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda as presented. The motion carried.**

**7. Preliminary 2021 Board Schedule and Work Plan:** Ms. Becker presented and reviewed the draft 2021 Board Schedule and Work Plan. There were no suggestions for changes or additions.

**8. Preliminary 2021 Administrative Budget:** Mr. Woodyard reviewed the Preliminary 2021 Administrative Budget, noting it will be updated again next month.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Wendy Schrag asked for clarification on WSHIP eligibility.

(A 10-minute break was taken.)

(Guests, except Anne Redman, and members of the public exited the meeting at 9:54 a.m.)

**9. Executive Session:** An executive session ensued regarding contractual matters.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.