

Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 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: Neil Ochs, Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard
Express Scripts: Trish Burke, Justin Rickerson and Michael Stahl
Leif Associates, Inc.: Liz Leif, FSA
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Members of the Public:

None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Introductions, Review Agenda:** Roll was called. No changes were made to the Agenda.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. **Minutes of September 29, 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.
 - A. **2022 Medicare Advantage Study:** Liz Leif reviewed the 2022 Medicare Advantage Study included in the meeting materials. It was noted that we have gone from 8 to 12 counties that now have reasonable choice. Discussion ensued.
4. **Administrator's Report**
 - A. **WSHIP Dashboard – September 2021:** Neil Ochs reviewed the September 2021 Dashboard included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued regarding a decrease in non-Medicare enrollment.

5. Treasurer's Report:

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

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

- B. 2021 Interim Assessment III (ACTION):** Mr. Woodyard proposed a 2021 Interim Assessment III in the amount of \$5 million.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2021 Interim III assessment in the amount of \$5 million. The motion carried.

6. Executive Committee Report: Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the October 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

- A. 2022 Board Policy Agenda Planning:** Ms. Becker reviewed the Draft 2022 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials, noting the intent of it is educational in nature. Discussion ensued. Suggestion was made to include a sentence regarding the impact to WSHIP and its population of the public health emergency from the COVID pandemic. Ms. Becker noted the Executive Committee will review and approve the Policy Agenda with that addition at its December 2021 meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2022 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda as presented with an additional statement regarding the impact of the COVID pandemic on our population. The motion carried.

7. Planning Committee Report:

- A. Yearly Pharmacy Report:** Justin Rickerson and Michael Stahl presented the Express Scripts annual pharmacy report for 2020. Discussion ensued.

8. Preliminary 2022 Board Schedule and Work Plan: Ms. Becker reviewed the Preliminary 2022 Board Schedule and Work Plan included in the meeting materials. No changes or additions were suggested. It is slated to be formally approved in January 2022.

9. Preliminary 2022 Administrative Budget: Mr. Woodyard and Ms. Becker presented the Preliminary 2022 Administrative Budget included in the meeting materials, noting that it will be updated again next month. The current plan is to hold at least 3 in-person meetings for the Board in 2022. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: None.

10. Executive Session: At 10:27 a.m. an executive session with Board members and Anne Redman was held regarding a human resources matter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.