

**Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 11-13-19)
Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Talaris Conference Center, Maple Room**

Board Members Present:

Kristen Walter Wright, Chair	Kristy Hogue (by phone)	Alison Mondri
Cary Ancheta	Rick Hourigan MD	Molly Nollette
Bill Ely	Hiu-Wan Ko	Mark Rose

Board Members Absent: Andi Bailey and Roger Bairstow

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BML: Shannon Wolf and Greg Woodyard (by phone)
Express Scripts: Harris Zayae (by phone)
Leif Associates: Liz Leif
Perkins Coie: Anne Redman
Washington Health Benefit Exchange: Molly Voris
Zvara Consulting: Sydney Smith Zvara

Audience Members:

Michael Dunlop, Evergreen Health Insurance Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright 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. Ms. Walter Wright welcomed new Board members Cary Ancheta and Rick Hourigan MD to the meeting.
2. **Consent Agenda (ACTION):**
 - A. **Minutes of May 8, 2019**
 - B. **2019 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. **2020 Board Meeting Schedule and Venue:** Ms. Becker presented the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule and Venue, advising that the venue for the November 13, 2019 Board meeting and the 2020 Board meetings will be held at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center in Seattle, Washington.

5. Administrator's Report

- A. WSHIP Dashboard – July 2019:** Shannon Wolf reviewed the WSHIP Dashboard for July 2019 included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

6. Treasurer's Report

- A. WSHIP Financials – July 2019 (ACTION):** Greg Woodyard presented the WSHIP Financials for July 2019 included in the meeting materials.

- B. 2020 Forecast:** Mr. Woodyard reviewed the 2020 Forecast included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the July 2019 WSHIP Financials as presented. The motion carried.

- 7. 2020 WSHIP Rates (ACTION):** Liz Leif reviewed her proposed 2020 WSHIP rates memorandum included in the meeting materials documenting calculation of the 2020 rates. The proposed WSHIP rate changes for 2020 are an average change for non-Medicare plans of approximately -7% ranging from -12.4% to +1.2%; an average increase for the Medicare plans of approximately 5% for both Basic and for Basic Plus; and the new Medical Supplement Medicare plan is approximately 20% lower than the Basic plan. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2020 WSHIP Rates as presented. The motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

(A break was taken from 9:51 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.)

- 8. Legislative Update:** Sydney Smith Zvara presented a legislative update included in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

9. Executive Committee Report:

- A. 2019 Auditor Engagement:** Ms. Walter Wright advised that the Executive Committee approved the 2019 Auditor Engagement letter from Petrow Leemhuis.

- B. Administrator Request for Proposal (RFP):** WSHIP's current Administrator contract ends at year-end 2020, and the OIC findings of our last audit instructed WSHIP to conduct a competitive bidding process for Administrator at least six months prior to the expiration of this agreement. After consultation with the Executive Committee, WSHIP requested and was granted a temporary waiver from the OIC to this requirement.

- C. Draft 2020 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda:** Ms. Becker reviewed the Draft 2020 WSHIP Board Policy Agenda included in the meeting materials. The document will be reviewed again at the upcoming Board retreat and the Board will vote on it at the November Board meeting.

10. Governance Committee Report

- A. Board Retreat:** Ms. Becker reviewed the draft Board Retreat Agenda included in the meeting materials as well as the venue.

(A break was taken from 10:40 a.m. to 10:56 a.m.)

- 11. State of the Exchange and Cascade Care Implementation:** Molly Voris, Chief Policy Officer for the Washington Health Benefit Exchange, presented an update on the state of the Exchange and the Cascade Care implementation. A copy of the presentation was distributed at the meeting. Supplementary information was provided by Molly Nollette. Discussion ensued.

- 12. Executive Session:** No executive session was held.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, Seattle, WA.