

Washington State Health Insurance Pool
FINAL Board Meeting Minutes (Approved 11-10-20)
Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
By TELECONFERENCE ONLY; 1-800-356-8278 Passcode 609318

Board Members Present:

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Kristen Walter Wright, Chair | Rick Hourigan MD | Mark Rose |
| Cary Ancheta | Alison Mondì | Sheela Tallman |
| Bill Ely | Molly Nollette | |

Board Members Absent: Sarah Kwiatkowski

Also Present:

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

Guests:

BML: Carey LeMaster, Shannon Wolf and Neil Ochs
Express Scripts: Amy Williams
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
Anthony Moore, Northwest Kidney Centers
Michael Dunlap, Evergreen Health Insurance Program

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristen Walter Wright at 8:02 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 May 13, 2020**
 - B. 2020 Board Schedule and Work Plan**

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

3. Administrator's Report:

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

4. Treasurer's Report:

- A. WSHIP Financials – July 2020 (ACTION):** Carey LeMaster presented the WSHIP Financials for July 2020 included in the meeting materials.

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

- B. 2021 Forecast:** Ms. LeMaster presented a 2021 Forecast included in the meeting materials.

- 5. 2021 WSHIP Rates (ACTION):** Liz Leif presented the Memorandum of Proposed 2021 WSHIP Rates included in the meeting materials documenting her calculation of the 2021 rates. Upon approval, she will submit a rate filing with the OIC.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2021 WSHIP Rates as presented. The motion carried.

- 6. Joint Executive Committee & Planning Committee Report:** Sharon Becker, Liz Leif and Sydney Smith Zvara presented a report on the Joint Executive Committee & Planning Committee meeting. The Non-Medicare Sunset Evaluation Update and Draft Report included in the meeting materials were reviewed. The Committee recommends going forward with speaking with legislators about extending the December 31, 2022 sunset date, and the Committee further recommends the Board approve the Non-Medicare Sunset Evaluation Draft Report as presented. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to remove the word "Draft" from the Draft Report. The motion carried.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to begin talks with legislators about extending the sunset date from the Non-Medicare program. The motion carried.

- 7. Planning Committee Report:** Bill Ely presented a report on the Planning Committee meeting held earlier this month. Mr. Ely advised that the Committee recommends revisiting the definition of Reasonable Choice in 1-2 years based on this review and input from the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC). Sharon Becker reviewed the Medicare Cures Act Project & Reasonable Choice Definition Review included in the meeting materials. Anthony Moore from Northwest Kidney Centers asked to provide public comment and expressed concerned about out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Advantage Plans. Mr. Moore was encouraged to contact the OIC regarding this concern.

- 8. Governance Committee Report:** Cary Ancheta provided a report on the June 4th, 2020 and the September 2nd, 2020 Governance Committee meetings.

- A. Board Retreat Agenda:** Ms. Becker reviewed the agenda for the October 2nd Board retreat included in the meeting materials.

- 9. Executive Committee Report:** Ms. Walter Wright provided an update on the June 8th, 2020 and the August 31st, 2020 meetings.

A. 2020 Auditor Engagement: The Executive Committee approved the 2020 Auditor Engagement of Michael Barton.

B. WSHIP 2021 Policy Agenda Planning: Ms. Walter Wright noted the policy agenda will be reviewed and discussed at the October 2nd, 2020 Board retreat.

10. Executive Director's Report: Ms. Becker reviewed her Executive Director's report included in the meeting materials.

11. 2021 Board Meeting Schedule: Ms. Becker presented the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule included in the meeting materials. Board consensus is to accept the 2021 Board meeting schedule as presented.

Public Comment: Wendy Schrag from Fresenius commented that, in general, they support the 21st Cure's Act provision allowing ESRD patients to enroll in MA plans but there is a lot of uncertainty until they see the plans that will be available in 2021. They are hopeful there will be good choices and that patients will not have to change doctors or drive to a facility quite far away. Mr. Moore asked if this change begins for 2021. Ms. Becker clarified that this is a federal law change and not a change in state law for WSHIP eligibility, and it is effective January 1, 2021.

(Staff, guests and members of the public exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)

(A 15-minute break was taken.)

12. Executive Session: An executive session ensued regarding contractual and human resources matters.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.