

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Steering Committee Meeting

Mansfield Town Hall
Mansfield MA

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

Steering Committee Members Present:

Chris DeFontes	Town of Seekonk
Brad Brightman	Town of Westport
Michael Gallagher	Town of North Attleboro
Bill Ross	Town of Mansfield
Cheryl Gouveia	Town of Rehoboth

Others Present:

Shawn Cadime	Town of Seekonk
Pam Smith	GBS
Kate Sharry	GBS
Paul Mulkern	Group Counsel

Bill Ross began the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

General Business

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the Committee's October 12, 2016 meeting. Ms. Gouveia seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ross said that he and Mr. Yunits are in the process of reviewing applications for the Treasurer position. He said there are two applicants who they will be interviewing soon. They will make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Ross said the group received \$69,679.07 in RDS distributions. He said in the past this money was distributed to each Unit. He said that Mr. Foster had recommended that the money remain in the Trust fund. The Town of Easton is due a portion of this money. Mr. Gallagher made a motion to recommend to the Board that, after the Easton payout, the remaining money should be kept in the Trust fund. Chris Defontes seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Pam Smith told the group that Mr. Foster traveled to GBS for assistance in filing the Transitional Reinsurance Fee payment. Ms. Smith said this is the third and final payment for this fee. The amount paid was \$149,697.00.

Ms. Smith presented the financial report which included three months of claims data.

Ms. Sharry said she doesn't anticipate that there will be a large amount of money returned to the group for the RDS reopening which is being done by Part D Advisors. She said this is due to the fact that GBS is very thorough with the processing of the RDS applications. She said she expects some money to come back but not a lot.

Ms. Sharry also said that things are looking positive with regards to the Group's financial report and its claims. However, she stressed that making changes is still very important for the future. Ms. Sharry discussed the FY18 strategies. She said she has a few recommendations for the Group and would like members' feedback.

Ms. Sharry said she is recommending that the Group eliminate the grandfathered plans for Network Blue and the PPO plans. She is recommending that the Group offer only the Value and Benchmark plans. She suggested that the Group consider co-pay changes for the Value plans and increasing the co-pays and deductible in the Benchmark plans to the current GIC level. She also suggested offering, as an additional option, the Qualified High Deductible Plan with a Health Savings Account.

Ms. Sharry said she will ask Mike Breen for an early renewal.

Other Business

Ms. Sharry discussed the changes to plan design that the Mayflower Municipal Health Group is making right now. She said she will continue watching them to see if they could possibly be a good fit for the SHMG down the road.

Mr. Mulkern said that the Group should notify the towns/collaborative that will be effected if the Group eliminates plans. These members would need time to prepare for the changes.

A discussion followed regarding how plans are rated and what changes should be made regarding plan designs.

The next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for December 5th at 10:30 a.m. in Mansfield.

At 10:14 a.m. Ms. Gouveia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Defontes and passed by unanimous vote.

Prepared by Pam Smith