

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting
Seekonk Town Hall
Seekonk, MA

June 20, 2018

Board Members Present:

Michael Yunits	Town of Norton
Sheena Martin	South Coast Ed. Collaborative
Cheryl Gouveia	Town of Rehoboth
Bruce Alexander	Town of Seekonk (alternate)
Steve Schoonveld	Town of Mansfield
Christine Defontes	Town of Seekonk
David Flaherty	Town of Raynham
Shawn Cadime	Town of Seekonk
Brad Brightman	Town of Westport

Others Present:

Pam Smith	GBS
Kate Sharry	GBS
Maureen Valente	Treasurer
Catherine VanDyne	Town of Norton
Jeanne Hanlon	Town of Norton

Mike Yunits began the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes from May 30, 2018

Not available – will have at next meeting

Joint Purchase update – Mike Yunits

Mr. Yunits asked GBS to resend the email with the revisions from Leo Peloquin to the Board so everyone can review in preparation for the next meeting.

Reinsurance quotes– Kate Sharry

Ms. Sharry shared the results from the reinsurance RFQ. (handout included) Ms. Sharry said the group received two quotes this year, one from Stop Loss Insurance the Brokers (incumbent) and one from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Ms. Sharry said Tracey Mae from Gallagher Insurance Benefits did not submit a quote because they were not competitive. Ms. Sharry said Blue Cross provided quotes with and without aggregating specifics. Stop Loss Insurance Brokers (SLIB) only submitted quotes with an aggregating specific. GBS said if the Board would like we can request a quote from SLIB without the aggregating specific but the group said that wouldn't be necessary. Cheryl Gouveia made a motion to elect Blue Cross Blue shield straight premium with rates of \$16.91 individual and \$51.13 family for the policy beginning on July 1, 2018. Sheena Martin seconded the motion and Steve Schoonveld abstained. The motion was passed.

Westport Medicare Issue – Brad Brightman

The Town of Westport has a member that retired in September 2008. Member's spouse is medicare eligible due to a disability. Spouse's Part A became effective 9/1/98. Medicare should have been primary payer since September 2008. They are enrolled on a family plan. Spouse should have enrolled in Medicare Part B when Section 18A was passed. Spouse cannot enroll in Part B until open enrollment in January 2019 with an effective date of July 1, 2019. The Town of Westport is asking that the Southeastern Mass Health group allow the spouse's medical claims to be covered until spouse can sign up for Part B. The Board requested more information before a decision is made. GBS will evaluate the financial risk to the group if the request is approved. The Town will also gather more information before the next meeting.

Treasurer's report – Maureen Valente

The Treasurer said the income has exceeded the disbursements every month. There is one more month to go in this fiscal year and things are running well. (handout included)

Financial report – Pam Smith

Ms. Smith reviewed the report and said the group has a 93.3% loss ratio for all health plans with a \$3.7 million dollar funding surplus. Ms. Smith said last year at the same time the group had a 97.3% loss ratio with a \$1.4 million dollar surplus. The group is running very well with one month left of claims to report for the Fiscal year.

Canarx update – Kate Sharry

Ms. Sharry said she has the savings report from Canarx for the period of January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018. There are currently 29 members utilizing Canarx with 31 prescriptions issued. The projected annual savings is \$94,075.67. Ms. Sharry said the group needs to continue to promote this program. In the Fall the group should work on a push along with Canarx to promote the program.

New Business

Steve Schoonveld said he spoke with Kate Sharry and Maureen Valente about the claims runout for year end. He also thanked the Board for a very good year and said he thinks the group is in good shape for the future, he said his experience with the group was a positive one.

At 9:52 p.m. Mr. Cadime made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schoonveld seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next Board meeting will take place on July 26th at 9:00 a.m. in Seekonk.

*Prepared by Pam Smith
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