

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting

Mansfield Meeting Room, Town Hall
Mansfield, MA

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

Board Members Present:

Christine Sylvia	Town of Westport
Randall Buckner	Town of Raynham
William Ross	Town of Mansfield
Cheryl Gouveia	Town of Rehoboth
Michael Yunits	Town of Norton
Chris Defontes	Town of Seekonk
Carolyn Awalt	Town of Berkley
Michael Gallagher	Town of N. Attleboro
Mary Hathaway	Town of Dighton
Wendy Cochrane	Town of Berkley

Others Present:

Jackie Boudreau	Town of Mansfield
Sheena Martin	South Coast Ed. Coll.
Patti Firing	Town of Mansfield
Cathy Parker	Town of Plainville
Catherine Calicchia	Town of N. Attleboro
Chris Sweet	Town of N. Attleboro
Caron Ketchum	Plainville Schools
Drusilla Proctor	Town of Plainville
Pam Smith	GBS
Kate Sharry	GBS
Mike Breen	Blue Cross Blue Shield
George Foster	Treasurer
Paul Mulkern	Group Counsel
Stella Farias	Town of Westport
Carol Entel	Town of Berkley
Jeanne Hanlon	Town of Norton
Cindy Riley	Town of Norton
Barbara Guilbault	Town of Mansfield
Bonnie Benvissuto	Mansfield School
Ed Vozzella	Mansfield School
Debbie Scott	Mansfield School
Tracy Lavois	Seekonk School

Mike Yunits began the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

General Business

Mr. Foster held roll call. Representatives of the following members were present: Berkley, Dighton, Mansfield, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, SCEC, Westport and Seekonk.

Ms. Sylvia made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Ross seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Foster stated that he had just received a draft of the trust fund audit at 5:00 p.m. the previous night. He said that another meeting would need to be scheduled to approve the audit.

Election of Board Officers

Mr. Yunits asked for nominations for Chair of the Board. Mr. Buckner nominated Mr. Yunits. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Ross and Mr. Yunits was elected by unanimous vote. Mr. Buckner then nominated Ms. Sylvia for Vice-Chair of the Board. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Ross and Ms. Sylvia was elected by unanimous vote.

Ms. Gouveia then nominated Ms. Sylvia for Chair of the Steering Committee. Ms. Defontes seconded the nomination and Ms. Sylvia was elected by unanimous vote. Ms. Sylvia nominated Ms. Gouveia for Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee. Mr. Buckner seconded the nomination and Ms. Gouveia was elected by unanimous vote.

Mr. Yunits nominated Mr. Ross, Mr. Buckner, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Defontes to serve with Ms. Sylvia and Ms. Gouveia on the Steering Committee. Ms. Sylvia seconded the nominations and they were elected by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Mr. Mulkern provided the members with a presentation regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) reporting requirements. He reviewed with the members Forms 1094-C and 1095-C. He passed-out a set of directions for completing those forms and discussed, at length, the coding required by Form 1095-C.

Ms. Sharry provided an update for GBS. She indicated that GBS would be providing the detailed enrollment information needed for completing Form 1095-C.

Ms. Sharry indicated that GBS has requested from Blue Cross the claims and underwriting information necessary for proposing rates for the 2016 - 2017 plan year. She said that she expected to receive the information in January and would begin working on the rates at that time.

Mr. Yunits indicated that the Trust Fund audit would be emailed to members as soon as it was received. Mr. Ross made a motion that, in order to avoid the necessity of calling a meeting for the limited purpose of approving the audit, the Board authorize the approval of the audit by email or fax vote. Mr. Buckner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ross made a motion that once the audit is approved, the Treasurer be authorized to issue the Town of Easton a check for its proportionate share of the audited trust fund surplus as of June 30, 2015. Mr. Buckner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Ms. Sylvia seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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