

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting
Mansfield Town Hall
Mansfield, MA

November 1, 2017

Board Members Present:

Michael Yunits	Town of Norton
Mary Hathaway	Town of Dighton
Steve Schoonveld	Town of Mansfield

Others Present:

Pam Smith	GBS
Kate Sharry	GBS
Cathy Calicchia	Town of N. Attleboro (alternate)
Tim King	Town of Westport (alternate)
Jackie Boudreau	Town of Mansfield (alternate)
Shawn Cadime	Town of Seekonk (alternate)
Chris Nunnally	GBS
David Flaherty	Town of Raynham
Leo Peloquin	Attorney
Edward Donovan	Town of Mansfield

Mike Yunits began the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Minutes from September 26, 2017 – Mike Yunits

Mr. King made a motion to accept the Board minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2017.

Ms. Boudreau seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JPG update - participation agreement – Mike Yunits

Mr. Peloquin discussed the proposed amendments to the joint purchase group participation agreement. GBS had distributed a synopsis of the amendments prior to the meeting which included participant withdrawal, participant meeting attendance, weighted vote, move from Steering committee to Board only, emergency voting procedures, participation in Health Benefits program and offering Cobra coverage.

Mr. Peloquin said he mainly focused on the withdrawal liability issue. There were handouts with the information included in the meeting packets. Ms. Sharry gave a brief update on the process and how this discussion had begun in January of 2017 with Mr. Mulkern working on amending the weighted vote and removal of the Steering committee. Ms. Sharry also said the West Suburban Health Group put similar language in their agreement. Mr. Peloquin said the appendix needs to be updated with names of the members so there is no confusion about terms of the contract. He also said the first month of runout

claims should be addressed in the contract. Mr. Schoonveld asked questions regarding the calculations of paid claims amounts and a discussion followed.

Mr. King said it was his understanding the agenda items would not be discussed in detail nor voted on and requested that the agenda item be tabled until the next meeting.

Financial Report – Pam Smith, GBS

Pam Smith reviewed the financial report with 3 months of claims data. The overall loss ratio is at 92.3% with a funding surplus of \$1,160,631. Ms. Smith reviewed the stop loss report and said there is approximately \$3K pending in a credit for the prior stop loss policy, and there is one new claimant at the 50% specific on the new stop loss policy. The 2015-2016 stop loss policy is closed and all reimbursements have been received.

Managers/Benefit coordinator meeting – Kate Sharry, GBS

Kate Sharry said it would benefit the group to have a meeting and invite all Selectmen, IAC members and anyone else that would like to attend. This would be a good opportunity for everyone to hear about the great work the group has been doing and to also discuss strategies for the future as well as cost containment solutions. GBS will coordinate the meeting, set up guest speakers and draft the agenda. The meeting will be on December 12, 2017.

New Business

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 5th, at 9:00 a.m. in Mansfield.

At 2:38 p.m. Mr. Schoonveld made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hathaway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

*Prepared by Pam Smith
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