

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting
Plainville Town Hall
Plainville, MA

May 14, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mike Yunits	Town of Norton
Christine Defontes	Town of Seekonk (Alternate)
Patrick McIntyre	Town of Plainville
Mary Hathaway	Town of Dighton
Tim King	Town of Westport (Alternate)
Mike King	Town of Raynham
Shawn Cadime	Town of Seekonk

Others Present:

Kate Sharry	Gallagher
Pam Smith	Gallagher
Maureen Valente	Treasurer
Mike Breen	BCBS
Jeanne Hanlon	Town of Norton

Patrick McIntyre began the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Maureen Valente did roll call. Berkley, Dighton and SouthCoast were not present. All other Towns present.

Minutes from March 28, 2019

Tim King made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2019 Board meeting. Patrick McIntyre seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

Ms. Sharry asked the Chair if we could move some items around on the agenda. The Chair said that would be fine. Mr. King from the Town of Raynham was in attendance and he told the group that Mr. Flaherty resigned from the Town and he was just appointed by the Board of Selectman to be the new representative for the Town. A signed letter was sent to GBS to keep on file. The Town will also appoint an alternate soon. The Board welcomed Mr. King to the meeting.

Treasurer's report – Maureen Valente

Ms. Valente presented the Treasurer's report, she said the group is ten months in and continuing to run well. She said all Towns had made their payments on time. Ms. Valente requested that GBS add the Trust Fund Audit contract to the next agenda for discussion.

Financial report – Pam Smith

Ms. Smith reviewed the Financial Report with claims data through March. Ms. Smith said the loss ratio is 89.5% with a \$2.7M surplus, all plans are running well. There is only one claimant on the current stop loss policy over the specific and this person has since termed. There are no stop loss reimbursements due at this time.

Health RFQ Draft timeline-Kate Sharry

Ms. Sharry reminded everyone that at the last meeting the Board voted to put the health insurance out to bid for Fiscal Year 2020. The group has not sent out the health insurance to bid in nine years so they decided it should be done for due diligence and to see what is available in the markets. Ms. Sharry said the group has been happy with Blue Cross Blue Shield and this has nothing to do with the level of service they have received. The process will begin in November with GBS drafting the RFQ and notifying carriers and TPA's. GBS will let the Board know at the next meeting who we will be inviting to take part in the bid process. We will ask for current plan design and any changes if needed. GBS will present draft RFQ at the next meeting for review.

BCBS updates – Mike Breen

Mr. Breen explained that BCBS has some Massachusetts Mandates that will go into effect 7/1/19. The mandates are for behavioral health for children, inhome behavioral therapy and intensive care coordination. Mr. Breen said there are no charges for these mandates. Ms. Sharry asked if there will be administrative charges or if claims projections will increase because of this. Mr. Breen said he is not aware of any increases or charges. Ms. Sharry said the Group Insurance Commission is putting these mandates off for another year and asked if SMHG could do the same if they wanted to, because she heard that it may cause an increase in the expected claims. Mr. Cadime asked Mr. Breen if he could confirm this and let them know the answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Breen told the group that they have a new representative for the Smartshopper program and he would like to know if the group would like her to attend the next meeting. The Board said to invite her to the next meeting to discuss the program in person.

Mr. Breen also discussed a new program that Blue Cross has implemented to help diabetic members. This program is through express Scripts their pharmacy vendor and it helps members track and control their treatments. This program is offered at no additional cost to the account or to members. Mr. Breen said there is a 90 day implementation window for this program. Kate Sharry asked what type of reporting would be available for this program. Mr. Breen said he will ask BCBS about the reporting that is available for this program. The group will continue discussion on this at the next meeting.

Ms. Sharry asked Mr. Breen what he has been hearing in regards to medical and prescription trends. Mr. Breen said somewhere around 6% to 7% is trend but he will verify this.

New Business

Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

At 1:38 p.m. Mr. Yunits made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The next Board meeting will take place on June 25th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Seekonk Town Hall.

*Prepared by Pam Smith
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