

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting Webex

May 28, 2020

Board Members Present:

Michel Yunits	Norton
Cheryl Gouveia	Rehoboth
Shawn Cadime	Seekonk
Janet Jannell	Plainville
Mary Hathaway	Dighton
Sheena Martin	SCEC
Michael King	Raynham
Brad Brightman	Westport

Others Present:

Pam Smith	Gallagher
Chris Nunnally	Gallagher
Maureen Valente	Treasurer
Tim King	Westport
Catherine Van Dyne	Norton
Chris Defontes	Seekonk
Julie Donahue	Pinnacle Care

Shawn Cadime called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Mr. Cadime requested roll call be taken. Towns present were Rehoboth, Plainville, Seekonk, Norton, Raynham, SCEC, Dighton and Westport.

Minutes from April 23, 2020

Mike Yunits made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 23, 2020 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Shawn Cadime. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Valente reviewed the report and said the balance at the end of April is \$13M and the group is continuing to run well. The average is running a little over \$3M a month coming in for income. There was a payment to legal of \$110. Maureen asked the attorney a question that was brought up by the Board in regards to having the groups that have left SMHG asking them to sign a document stating that they have received a payout and they will not be receiving anything further. The Attorney advised against having them sign anything as this could lead to issues. The pros outweighed the cons.

Mike King brought up the possibility of continuing the conversations regarding investing since rates are very favorable right now. Maureen agreed and requested this item be on the agenda for the next meeting. She will send out draft statement of interest document as well as investment policy. If this can be approved at next meeting we can move ahead with making a selection for investing.

Financial Report

Ms. Smith presented the Health insurance report with claims data through April. She said the group is running at an 85.6% loss ratio with a surplus of roughly \$3.9M. Ms. Smith said all plans are running in positive numbers and there is still only one high cost claimant over the 50% specific at this time with a reimbursement due. There is no activity on the prior policy. Ms. Smith also said that as expected with Covid 19 there is a drop in claims in April which is what we have seen in all groups across the board. This was anticipated by the carriers due to people not being able to have any routine procedures performed as all non urgent surgeries were cancelled.

Pinnacle Care

Ms. Smith introduced Julie Donahue to the Board. Ms. Donahue is the Executive Vice President of Business Development and Chief Operating Officer of Pinnacle Care. Pinnacle Care offers next generation medical guidance and concierge experiences that support members and families faced with medical diagnoses that require a level of support not routinely offered by health plans and nurse navigation services. Pinnacle Care's approach is customized to the specific needs of the member. Their curated specialist network and Medical Centers of Excellence ensure that every member has access to the best care possible.

Seekonk

Chris Defontes addressed the Board about a situation that arose regarding a member that was in a rehabilitation facility after having surgery performed. The member was not able to receive his full 60 days of treatment while in rehab due to Covid 19 disrupting everything. He is about to be moved to a skilled nursing facility where he will not receive the therapy he needs to improve. Ms. Defontes requested that SMHG approve an extension to his rehab care through June 14th so he can continue with his treatment before being moved to a skilled nursing facility. Ms. Sharry said we cannot recommend the group take on this additional and unknown risk as we cannot estimate the future cost of his care.

Ms. Defontes held an emergency meeting with the Board Chair and Vice Chair as well as a representative from BCBS. They decided to approve the extended care up until June 14th. At that time the member will be moved to the SNF as planned. The SMHG will be charged for these services. There were minutes taken at this meeting and once finalized Chris will send to Gallagher.

Covid 19 Update

Mr. Breen presented a spreadsheet with data in regards to Covid 19 cases within SMHG. He said there is a very limited amount of cases to date with only one confirmed case. There are 35 suspected cases with \$3,300 dollars in claims so far. Mr. Breen said there is a link for Covid 19 updates on the BCBS website. He also noted there has been an increase to mental health treatments in light of the pandemic, many of these visits are through telephonic access. Blue Cross Blue Shield actuaries are keeping a close eye on claims.

New Business

None

Mike Yunits made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Brightman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

The next meeting is on June 25, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

*Prepared by Pam Smith
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