

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting/Remote Participation/Meeting Recorded

October 20, 2021

**Board Members Present:**

Sheena Martin  
Mary Hathaway  
Janet Jannell  
Jim Hartnett

SCEC  
Dighton  
Plainville  
Westport

**Others Present:**

Chris Defontes  
Brian Noble  
Jackie Boudreau  
Maureen Valente  
Pam Smith  
Chris Nunnally  
Cheryl Gouviea  
Kelly Usher  
Shawn Follick  
Linda Loiselle

Seekonk  
Plainville  
Norton  
Treasurer  
Gallagher  
Gallagher  
Rehoboth  
Raynham  
Abacus  
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Mr. Nunnally requested roll call to be taken. Ms. Smith did a roll call, Towns present were Norton, Westport, SCEC, Norton, Dighton, Plainville and, Rehoboth and Raynham. The Board chair and vice chair were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Nunnally said due to the urgency of one item on the agenda he would like to hold the meeting for informational purposes if we find that we need a chair as long as everyone is in agreement so the group would be able advise members on their senior rates for January 1, 2021. It was unanimous that we would hold the meeting so the board could vote on the senior rates.

All other items on the agenda will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Town of Norton made a motion to limit the agenda items to the senior renewal only. The Town of Seekonk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Renewal**

Mr. Nunnally presented the senior renewal to the group he said that Medicare renewal looks good. The claims ran below projections and the PDP rate was a decrease from last year's rate. Our medical projection decreased by 1.5% and our PDP decreased by a little less than 1% and

there was a 2% increase from Blue Cross for the administrative fee. MR. Nunnally presented three options, the first option is a break even to just cover expenses but he does not recommend this option. The second option is a 0% increase with an estimated surplus of \$166K and the third option is a 1% increase with an estimated surplus of \$211K. We also have the fully insured Managed Blue for seniors plan with 183 members, these rates are community rated so these rates are set by BCBS, this plan increased to \$370.05 which is a 1.7% increase over the current rate that is in place. Blue Cross is offering a new Medicare PPO advantage plan which is fully insured at \$365.00 per member per month, this is a new offering. We will have Mike Breen do a presentation of this plan at the next meeting.

There was some discussion on the rates. Ms. Boudreau made a motion to accept the second option presented which is a 0% increase with a rate of \$390.35. The motion was seconded by Chris Defontes. Ms. Smith did a roll call on this vote. Town of Dighton, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Southcoast Educational and Westport all approved the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

Ms. Boudreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 A.M. Chris Defontes seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.