

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH GROUP

Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting/Remote Participation/Meeting Recorded

February 17, 2022

Board Members Present:

Sheena Martin	SCEC
Mary Hathaway	Dighton
Janet Jannell	Plainville
Susan Brayton	Westport
Shawn Cadime	Seekonk
Mike Yunits	Norton
Cheryl Gouveia	Rehoboth
Kelly Usher	Raynham

Others Present:

Chris Defontes	Seekonk
Jackie Boudreau	Norton
Maureen Valente	Treasurer
Lisa Cabral	Rehoboth
Pam Smith	Gallagher
Chris Nunnally	Gallagher
Mike Breen	BCBS
Joan Yuen	BCBS

Mr. Cadime requested roll call to be taken. Ms. Smith did roll call, Towns present were Norton, SCEC, Seekonk, Dighton, Rehoboth, Plainville, Westport was late to attend.

Minutes from January 27, 2022

Mike Yunits made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2022 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Hathaway. The motion passed unanimously.

Blue Freedom Discussion

Mike Breen discussed the new senior rollout plan Blue Cross is offering effective July 1, 2022. This plan would be an additional option that the group could add in the future if they are interested. Mr. Breen said this plan has a rate lock for 24 months at \$365 per subscriber. The group expressed interest in this plan and requested a comparison chart to be sent to them. The Group said they will entertain this option but not for July 1, they would wait until January 1, 2023 if they decide to add this plan.

BCBS Pharmacy follow up

Ms. Yuen from Blue Cross updated the group on the savings projections and said they just received renewal pricing right before the meeting and will have that information soon. Ms. Yuen said the savings exceeded the projections with over \$1.3M in savings realized and this is based on the current formulary. Ms. Yuen said after four months the savings of the patient assistance program is about \$180K, BCBS originally projected about \$390K for the year so this is great news the program is performing above projections. Ms. Yuen said that effective January 1, 2023 BCBS will be transferring to CVS for their Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), BCBS will do the heavy lifting during this transition.

Investment Account Discussion

Ms. Valente said that at the last board meeting the group discussed adding \$3.4 million in additional money into the Bartholomew money market account, this would still have to be voted on if the board wishes to do this. Ms. Defontes and Ms. Boudreau met with Ms. Valente and they all agreed to move more money into other securities and use the legal list investment statue as discussed at the last board meeting. Ms. Valente said the investment policy has been updated to reflect the new verbiage regarding keeping two months of operating income readily available if ever needed. Mike Yunits made a motion to move \$3.4M into the money market account. Mary Hathaway seconded the motion. Ms. Smith did a roll call: Dighton, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, SCEC and Westport all voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Valente presented the Treasurer's report with data through January and overall the group is ahead \$2.4M for FY22. Ms. Valente said that their investments at the end of January are at \$8.4M, which is still ahead of the initial investment.

FY23 Rate Discussion

Mr. Nunnally said last month the board asked him to present rate options with a 1% and 2% increase instead of the 2% and 4% he originally presented. Mr. Nunnally presented both options and included the rebate money as discussed at the last meeting, the 1% increase has an estimated \$682K surplus and the 2% increase has an estimated \$1M surplus. After some discussion Mike Yunits made a motion to accept scenario 1 as presented with a 1% increase in rates. Mary Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stop Loss Update

Ms. Smith presented the stop loss update through January, she said there is an estimated \$423K due in reimbursements for the current contract with three claimants over the specific and an estimated \$60K due in reimbursements for the prior period with five claimants over the specific on that policy.

Other Business

None

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Mike Yunits made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M. Shawn Cadime seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on April 21st , 2022 at 9:30 A.M.