



Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group (SMHG) Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
Virtual Meeting/Remote Participation/Meeting Recorded

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Sheena Martin	SCEC
Mike Yuntis	Norton
Shawn Cadime	Seekonk
Lisa Cabral	Rehoboth
Michael Mullen	Dighton
Kelly Usher	Raynham

Guests in Attendance:

Chris Nunnally	Arthur J. Gallagher
Pam Smith	Arthur J. Gallagher
Chris Defontes	Seekonk
Jennifer Argo	Seekonk
Paula Linhares	Norton
Paul Reynolds	Dighton
Rich Bienvenue	Treasurer
Briana Grayson	RetireeFirst
Michael Breen	BCBS

Mr. Cadime began the meeting at 9:32 a.m. and requested a roll call to be taken. Ms. Smith did roll call. Towns present were Norton, SCEC, Seekonk, Rehoboth, Dighton, and Raynham were present. Westport was not present.

Minutes from November 19th, 2023

Mr. Yunits made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 19th, 2023 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Usher. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Aetna Senior Plan Update

Mr. Nunnally started off by asking the Board Chair if we could shuffle one of the agenda items to the top. The Board Chair said that would be fine. Mr. Nunnally started by thanking the Board for all the cooperation during this change in health carriers. Mr. Nunnally said the mailings have gone out to everyone and that the RetireeFirst hotline is up and running. Mr. Nunnally said it is important to warm transfer any calls that HR is getting to RetireeFirst to begin moving the relationship over to RetireeFirst, as well as reducing their workload.



Ms. Linhares asked what questions they should answer themselves that RetireeFirst could not answer. Mr. Nunnally said the only question would be regarding premiums or contributions, but other than that, all questions should be forwarded to Retiree First. Ms. Usher asked what the process is for signing up new members for Medicare. Mr. Nunnally said Retiree First would assist members with that as well.

Treasurer’s Contract

Mr. Cadime thanked Mr. Bienvenue for all his work during the transition. Mr. Cadime reviewed the contract terms and said it is not a long-term commitment, so if they decide to find somebody to come in and be their full-time Treasurer, they can do so. Mr. Bienvenue’s services are \$3,000 a month, which aligns with what they renegotiated with Maureen.

Mr. Yunits made a motion to approve the contract effective July 1st, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mullen. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Bienvenue reviewed the report through September 30th. Mr. Bienvenue said there were a couple of late payments, which does cause a short-term cash flow issue. Claims incurred but not reported are at \$2.2M, which is what has been historically reported. Mr. Bienvenue will be working on the audit as well as calculating any amount that may be due to Plainville.

Health Analysis Update

Ms. Smith reviewed the report and said September seemed to level out a bit. There is a slight deficit of \$174K, with a loss ratio of 102%. A \$927K Rx rebate from BCBS was also received, which helped the overall loss ratio. Medex loss ratio is 88%, with a \$65K surplus at this time.

New Business

None

Mr. Yunits made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Ms. Usher seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion

The next meeting will be on December 21st, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.