

**GATEWAY HEALTH GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2014
CARVER TOWN HALL**

Attendance:

Carver: Peter Gray, Michael Milanoski

Lakeville: Rita Garbitt

Mattapoissett: Brenda Herbeck

Marion: Gary Carreiro, Chair., Anita Donovan

Old Rochester Regional School District: Patrick Spencer, Laura Kearns

Old Colony Vocational Technical School District: Sara Griffith

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District: Mark Morris, Vice-Chair

GHG Treasurer: Debra Blanchette

EBS Foran: Edd Byrnes

Retiree: Patrick Meagher

Carreiro opened the meeting at 12:20pm

Meagher thanked the Group members for their support and comradery over the past 10 years, since the Group's inception. He noted that members have always worked to provide the best health care benefits to their employees at a reasonable cost. Members thanked Meagher for his past leadership and contributions; and wished him well in retirement.

Review of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of June by Garbitt

Seconded by Herbeck

Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Blanchette distributed the July bank summary reports and June and July expense warrants. She noted that the Money Market account is high because of receipt of a stop-loss payment and credits from BCBS and HP. She stated that there is a quarterly adjustment due to BCBS for about \$500K because of one large claim. Garbitt inquired as to when more funds could be placed in the Investment account, and Blanchette responded probably in September.

Motion by Garbitt to accept the Treasurer's report

Seconded by Milanoski

Approved Unanimously

Audit Update

Because there are no material weaknesses in the FY 2013 audit, Carreiro recommended approval for him to proceed with the final copy. Blanchette commented that Bienvenue is in a law suit with Lynch, Malloy regarding his leaving the firm. He recommended Bill Fraher, CPA, auditor for the Cape Cod Health Group. In his proposal to the Gateway Group, Mr. Fraher is looking for a 3-year contract. Carreiro has concerns as we have no experience with the work he does, and recommended a 1-year contract with an option for 2015 and 2016.

Motion by Milanoski to authorize Carreiro and/or Blanchette to negotiate a 1-year contract, and a cost not to exceed \$10,000, with Mr. Fraher for the FY 2014 audit.

Seconded by Garbitt

Approved Unanimously

Byrnes Report

Byrnes stated the he is expecting a reimbursement from HP of about \$400K resulting from a Medicare claim resolution.

He reviewed the JPA comparison reports he had prepared for each member unit. Byrnes pointed out the additional services EBS Foran provides to the Group at no extra charge, i.e. assistance with Medicare D reporting and Cobra services, as a reason for member units to remain with the Gateway Health Group.

Byrnes predicted a 3% rate increase for FY 16, having reviewed claims through 6/30/14.

The Group agreed to make a decision to move forward with adopting the Medex II plan by the next meeting date.

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

Next meeting date was set for September 24th at 9:30 in Carver.

Motion by Griffith to adjourn at 1:35pm

Seconded by Garbitt

Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Herbeck

Secretary