

**GATEWAY HEALTH GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2014
CARVER TOWN HALL**

Attendance:

Carver: Pat Meagher, Michael Milanoski

Lakeville: Rita Garbitt

Mattapoisett: Brenda Herbeck

Marion: Anita Donovan

Old Rochester Regional School District: Laura Kearns

Old Colony Vocational Technical School District: Bruce Kaiser

GHG Treasurer: Debra Blanchette

EBS Foran: Edd Byrnes, Kevin Paicos

Absent:

Marion: Gary Carreiro, Chair

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

Meagher opened the meeting at 9:40am as both the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent

Review of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of May by Garbitt

Seconded by Kaiser

Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Blanchette distributed the May bank summary reports and expense warrant. She received a revised bill from the auditors that reflected the correct amount agreed upon of \$9.750, however will not pay it until the Group receives the Final Audit.

Motion by Kaiser to accept the Treasurer's report

Seconded by Garbitt

Approved Unanimously

Audit Update

Meagher stated that Lynch did himself and his firm a disservice for several reasons: by working without a contract, bringing the Gateway Group into the middle of their dispute with Rich Bienvenue, billing the Group for an incorrect amount, taking too long to complete the audit. The FY 2014 audit cannot begin until October. It was noted that there are no material defects in the draft 2013 audit.

Motion by Garbitt to authorize Carreiro and/or Blanchette to engage an auditor for the FY 2014 audit by the next meeting.

Seconded by Kearns

Approved Unanimously

Motion by Garbitt to authorize Carreiro to proceed with the FY 2013 audit

Seconded by Kaiser

Approved Unanimously

Upon the Group's receipt of the final audit, Meagher will email his issues with the auditors to Gateway members, and upon approval, will compose a letter to the auditing firm regarding those issues.

Byrnes Report

Byrnes stated that EBS Foran will reduce the cost of the Dependent Audits for the Group as a whole to \$28,350, a 10% reduction from the \$31,500 total (\$4,500 per member cost). This cost, which covers the verification of dependents qualified under each plan and maintenance of all records electronically, would be paid for out of the Trust; postage would be paid by each member unit. Member units will have access to all records. Byrnes will prepare a timeline.

Motion by Garbitt to authorize EBS Foran to perform the Dependent Audit for \$28,350 which will be paid from the Trust

Seconded by Kearns

Approved Unanimously

Byrnes presented rate comparisons for each member unit of their BCBS HMO plan to Gateway's Benchmark Plan, to similar plans in the Mayflower & SMHG groups and to the GIC Navigator Plan, indicating any buy-in cost and savings. Upon request by Milanoski, Byrnes will update the comparison to include the "cash-out" credit from the Trust; and update Mayflower's buy-in calculation to reflect \$3,500 per subscriber instead of \$3,000.

Byrnes stated is hi building the RFP for fully-insured and self-funded.

Old Business

Paicos re-iterated what member units could do to keep rates reasonable. Member units should consider adopting the GIC look-alike plan, adopting some other "in-between" plan with higher copays, switching enrollees in BCBS's Medex III to the Medex II plan, or instituting wellness and performance incentives that would reward participation for lifestyle changes.

New Business

Next Meeting

Next meeting date was set for August 20th at noon at the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion

Motion by Kaiser (for the last time) to adjourn at 11:25am

Seconded by Kearns

Approved Unanimously

Best Wishes to Pat and Bruce upon their Retirement!!

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Herbeck

Secretary