

**GATEWAY HEALTH GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 31, 2019**  
**CARVER TOWN HALL**

**Attendees:**

Carver: Michael Milanoski, Brad Brotheres, Kathy Kay and Ann Maddeford  
Lakeville: Rita Garbitt and Clorinda Dunphy  
Mattapoisett: Kristy Costa and Sarah Piehler  
Marion: Annita Donovan  
Old Colony VTSD: Eileen Reece  
Old Rochester RSD: Patrick Meagher, Susana Cunningham and Paul Kitchen  
GHG Treasurer: Debra Blanchette  
NFP: Edd Byrnes, Kevin Paicos and Mary Whitters

Meagher opened the meeting at 9:40 AM

**Review of Minutes:**

Review of Minutes from the December Board Meeting.

Garbitt motioned to approve Minutes.

Seconded by Piehler.

Approved unanimously by Board

**Treasurer's Report:**

Blanchette distributed the Treasurer's Report and the December and January Expense warrants (signatures required).

Blanchette noted good news.

The bank statement does not reflect the good news however going forward the last quarter on BCBS reflected a credit which wiped out the balance owed on level monthly from Q2 balance of \$181,680.47. After paying off what was owed left with a credit of \$30,238.60. So January level monthly (which is normally \$1,321,350). Blanchette paid \$1,291,111. Cleared long standing June Quarter balance and have a credit going forward. In addition, Blanchette did not pay HPHC in December 2018 or January 2019 because in November 2018 she received notice that there was a \$436,000. Credit with HPHC.

HPHC October credit balance of \$393,000 / \$42,000 in charges / payment of \$85,500 – ending with a balance of \$436,000 in November 2018.

Last Quarterly adjustment was November 2017 \$108,000.

Could be as we dropped significant amount of lives in July when we migrated employees over to BCBS. Would reflect in claims experience.

Blanchette still waiting for the HPHC Quarterly adjustment from December 2018.

Blanchette will discontinue paying the level monthly due to the credit with HPHC.

Byrnes suggested that we inquire with HPHC as of June 30<sup>th</sup> Gateway will have no more HPHC members.

Will HPHC send a check to settle?

Blanchette stopped paying the Enhanced as it ended January 1, 2019.

Byrnes asked if the credit from BCBS was delineated as to where the credit came from? What large claim reimbursements were included?

Do they subtract large claims out of the Quarterly settlement?

Blanchette says she gets checks from Stop Loss for the large claims reimbursements (Stop Loss).

Byrnes told Board that \$324,800 additionally coming for January Stop Loss claims. Byrnes and Blanchette said that these are checks and not credits to BCBS.

At this time during the Board meeting introductions were made around the table as a few new people were attending meeting.

Garbitt motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report

Seconded by Bradford

Approved unanimously by Board

#### **Treasurer's Bond:**

Blanchette spoke briefly about the continuation of her research regarding becoming bonded for the Gateway Board.

It was discovered that if it is not required in the bylaws of the Healthcare Company interacting with the JPA that the Treasurer should be bonded, then a bond would not be able to be issued.

Not mandatory by auditor but was mentioned in our dealings with him.

Blanchette will continue to research

#### **Board Chairperson**

Meagher has volunteered to continue on as interim Chairperson for the next one or two meetings giving volunteers a chance to come forward and letting the Board decide how to pursue.

#### **SERSD Update:**

Paicos updated Board on the SERSD claim. Paicos spoke to Demitrios Moschos on 1.30.19. Moschos asked for the history on SERSD which Paicos provided.

Dee has filed litigation against SERSD. SERSD was to answer the filed litigation on Tuesday of this week (1/29/19) but instead asked for an extension which was granted for today (1.31.19). If they fail to respond today, the next step would be a court appearance. Possible that a few Board members may be deposed.

Paicos has asked Moschos to author an email to the Board detailing the process.

**Edd Byrnes Update:**

Byrnes has two more months of updated claims data since December meeting. Last meeting it was decided that the budget number would be 9% as a place holder. This meeting he suggested that 9% should remain the placeholder and he is expecting with further claims experience that will help him determine the actual percentage of increase.

A discussion ensued about Acushnet and Freetown/Lakeville possibly joining Gateway JPA. However Byrnes did instruct Board that they may have to create (allow) for separate plan designs and rates, at least initially if new members come on board. Byrnes also cautioned that BCBSMA has to also agree with adding another plan design to the suite of designs already in place by Gateway Health Group. Byrnes said he will have further underwriting by next Board Meeting to determine what these prospect look like.

**Old Business:**

Garbitt asked about HIPAA training.  
Byrnes agreed he would present HIPPA training to all entities.  
Piehler agreed to have the meeting at Mattapoisett.  
Dates and times need to be provided.

**New Business:**

Kitchen asked Byrnes about tiered rates on the health care, specifically Employee + 1. He would like to show this rate to the IAC.  
Byrnes said he could have 3 tier rates provided as an option at the time of BCBS renewal.  
At this time a discussion ensued regarding adding a High Deductible plan with an HSA. There was a definite interest by the Board.  
Cunningham stressed the importance of member education if thinking about introducing this type of plan.  
Byrnes mentioned he has BCBSMA Wellness Incentive Fitbits and Gift Certificates in his office.  
Kick off to the Wellness program begins in February.

Board members agreed the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 9:30 AM at Carver Town Offices.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 AM  
Accepted by Garbitt and Seconded by Piehler

Respectfully Submitted:  
Mary Whitters