

Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI)

Board of Director's Meeting

May 23, 2016

Present: Tracy Wrend, Mark Hage (until 3:15), Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Joel Cook, Laura Soares, Martha Allen, and Martha Gagner

Members of the Public: Emily Simmons, VSBA

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m., by Chair Tracy Wrend.

Public Comment – None

Approve Minutes of March 21, 2016

Martha Gagner made a motion, seconded by Martha Allen, to approve the minutes with one typo corrected. Motion passed.

Review March 31, 2016 Quarterly Financials

The Board reviewed the financials and Chris Robert's Summary memo. Martha Gagner made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Fitzgerald, to accept the March 31, 2016 quarterly financials. Motion passed.

Discuss/Finalize FY 17 Service Agreement with VT-NEA

Martha Gagner spoke on her concerns, based upon information she is hearing from the field, on the value being provided by the VT NEA under the Service Agreement. Mark Hage shared the work being done on the new plan transition and overall support of VEHI by the VT-NEA. The entire Board engaged in a discussion on the issue. The Board moved to item 6 on the agenda, New Plan Roll Out Update, to return to the Service Agreement and budget later in the meeting.

FY 17 Budget Discussion/Action

Discussion postponed until the Service Agreement discussion is complete.

New Plan Roll Out Update

Laura Soares and Mark Hage reviewed the transition process and the resources developed or in development to support this work. (see memo)

Update on ASO 1/1/2018 and DFR Approval

- a. DFR approved the changes to VEHI's Operational and Financial Plans to allow the move to Administrative Services Only effective 1/1/2018. This change will allow VEHI to serve all size members without grandfathered health plans outside of the ACA small group market rules.
- b. Notice to Members - The Board had a few suggestions to the member notice on the ASO and membership issues which will be incorporated. The notice will be sent May 24th.
- c. Legal Support – Frank Fanshawe of Wilson Elser of NY has been engaged to represent VEHI in the ASO contract with BCBSVT.
- d. Discussion and initial action on waiting period to rejoin either program (see memo) - Joel Cook made a motion, seconded by Martha Gagner, to provide conceptual approval to adding a 24 month waiting period before a member that leaves either the VEHI health or dental program is allowed to return on 1/1 or 7/1. The motion passed.

Notification of this intent will be provided to members in the above referenced Notice. Trust Administrators will engage with DFR on this issue over the summer, as it requires an amendment to the Operational Plan. The Board will revisit this issue and make a final decision by early fall of 2016.

Update Remedy Analytics

Mark Hage provided an update on the meeting Trust Administrators had with Remedy last week. The meeting analyzed the first 9 months of actual pharmacy claims and confirmed the new contract has saved VEHI 3.68 million to-date over the FY 15 contract. This is greater than the 12 month savings of 2.95 million projected by BCBSVT prior to Remedy's support in tightening the contract language. The decrease in pharmacy spend is a significant contributor to the favorable financials as of March 31, 2016.

Remedy will meet quarterly with VEHI and Board members are welcome to attend if interested. Any specific data requested by the Board should be provided to Mark or Laura to submit to Remedy.

Plan for 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

- a. Act on Bylaws change of Board Term Lengths

Martha Gagner made a motion, seconded by Joel Cook, to propose to the membership at the 2016 Annual Meeting to amend the By-laws to change the length of Board terms from six years to three as the terms are up for election. The motion passed.

If approved by the members, this would go into effect for the two seats up for election at the 2016 Annual meeting. Laura Soares will notify DFR of this issue.

b. Set date and time of meeting and set date of close of Membership Books

A motion was made by Martha Allen, seconded by Elizabeth Fitzgerald, to set the date and time of the 2016 Annual Meeting for October 21, 2016 at 8:00 am at Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee Vermont. In addition, the membership books will close on October 3, 2016. The motion passed.

c. Identify seats up for election

Group A seat held by Tracy Wrend and Group B seat held by Martha Allen are up for election in 2016. Tracy and Martha were asked to let Laura and Mark know respectively of their interest in continuing to serve.

d. Discuss Nominating Process Group A and B Directors

Laura reviewed the nominating process with the Board. Martha Gagner and Elizabeth Fitzgerald agreed to serve on the Group A Nominating Committees which Laura Soares will support. Nominations will be due by early August. Laura will send notice to the membership.

Other Updates:

a. Legislative Summary

Laura Soares provided a brief update. The BCBSVT legislative wrap up on health care issues will be sent to the Board once received by VEHI. There will be a study to expand the Dr. Dynasaur program to all children through age 26.

b. Dental Benefits Changes

Laura Soares reviewed the change in panoramic x-rays from every 3 years to every 5 years and the number of cleanings from 4 to 2 in a 12 month period. These changes will take effect on July 1st. Subscribers can still get four cleanings per 12 months at no cost if they have a risk score of 3 or higher on the HOW risk assessment.

FY 17 VT-NEA Service Agreement and FY 17 Budget

Martha Allen made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Fitzgerald, to take action on these two items at the June meeting. The motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Soares

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| Next Meetings: | June 15, 2016 | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm lunch provided |
| | August 2016 | TBD |