

Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI)
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024

Present:

VEHI Board Members: Suzanne Dirmaier (Chair), Mike Fisher (Vice Chair), Lisa Grout, Andrew Haas, Lance Mills, Cheryl Scarzello

VEHI Management Team: Mark Hage, Chris Roberts, Bobby-Jo Salls and Jonathan Steiner

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Dirmaier.

Review of Agenda:

Lance Mills made the motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Lisa Grout, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Board Minutes: May 13, 2024

Andy Haas made a motion, seconded by Lance Mills, to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2024, as presented. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Set the Annual Meeting Date and Close of Membership Books

Andy Haas made a motion to set the date for the annual meeting for October 25, 2024 at 8:15 am at the Lake Morey Resort. The motion was seconded by Lance Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Grout made a motion to close the membership books as of October 15, 2024, seconded by Lance Mills. Chris Roberts explained that we close the membership books, which identify those who are eligible to vote at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Review – Conflict of Interest

The board discussed the conflict of interest policy and the particular section which appears to be in conflict with our bylaws. Suzanne noted that she and Mike reviewed them and believe one of them should be updated, but neither is making a motion today for a change. The discrepancy was discussed and the board agreed that Bobby-Jo Salls would send out the information that was

provided in the past including information from Joel Cook and Rob Halpert for the board to review in advance of the next discussion.

VT-NEA Service Agreement

The VEHI board discussed the VT-NEA service agreement which provides educational and administrative services to VEHI. The agreement ends on June 30, 2024, however, Mark's contract with his employer is currently in negotiation for September 1, 2024 and therefore the amount of the agreement is unknown at this time.

Mike Fisher made the motion to approve the funding in FY 25 for the proposed VEHI service agreement for VT-NEA for \$220,736, pending the completion of the current contract negotiations between VT-NEA and their employees, when said negotiations are completed and new levels of compensation agreed to, the FY 25 funding amount for VT-NEA services to VEHI shall be amended to 85% of the compensation for Mark Hage, including salary, taxes, benefits, and travel and 20% of his admin's salary, taxes and benefits, and the new reimbursement amount shall go into effective retroactive to July 1, 2024. Lance Mills seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Blue Cross of Vermont Contract

Mike Fisher moved that the Board authorize the management team to finalize negotiations on the FY25 Service Agreement between VEHI and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont based on their assessment of VEHI's future administrative, analytical, and program needs, or, if warranted, to negotiate an extension of the FY24 Service Agreement not to exceed three months and to seek expert advice on improving contractual terms on specific matters from VEHI's perspective, and (with a friendly amendment by Andy Haas, accepted by Mike Fisher), to authorize the board chair to sign the contract. Cheryl Scarzello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Future Agenda Items

Conflict of Interest

Annual Work Plan (Mike Fisher and Bobby-Jo Salls will work together to update)

Prescription Drug Affordability Board/Reference Based Pricing

Contract Review – VSTRS 1/1/25

Wellness Team Overview

Parking Lot Overview (Mike and Suzanne will review)

Adjournment

Lance Mills moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa Grout. The motion passed unanimously, and the board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Bobby-Jo Salls