

Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI)
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2019

Present: Joel Cook, Tracy Wrend, John Pandolfo, Martha Gagner (9:30), Peggy Maxfield, Laura Soares, Mark Hage and Bobby-Jo Salls.

Members of the Public: Vicki Loner, CEO, OneCare Vermont, Andrew Garland, Vice President of Client Relations and External Affairs, BCBSVT, Sara Teachout, BCBSVT, Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid/Office of the Health Care Advocate, Julia Shaw, Office of Health Care Advocate, Tim Duggan, VSTRS, Michael Clasen, VSTRS, Barry Blixt VSTRS Consultant, Don Tinney, President VT-NEA (9:30).

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., by Chair Joel Cook. Joel welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Review and Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Public Comment: None

Presentations on the implications of VEHI permitting its pool of subscribers to be brought into the all-player model from the standpoint of the individual and the health care system from:

- a. Vicki Loner, CEO, OneCare Vermont provided an overview of OneCare's model, network and goals. She answered questions from the Board.
- b. Andrew Garland, Vice President of Client Relations and External Affairs, BCBSVT provided background on why BCBSVT sees an opportunity for VEHI to be served by OneCare Vermont in 2020. He answered questions from the Board.
- c. Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid/Office of the Health Care Advocate spoke on how his organization is consumer focused. He did not have a recommendation regarding VEHI and OneCare Vermont, but instead provided the Board with questions to consider regarding its decision on sharing risk with OneCare in 2020. He answered questions from the Board.

Report by management team on November 26th meeting with Don George, CEO, BCBSVT, and his comments on VEHI and OneCare Vermont

Following the meeting with Mark, Laura and Bobby-Jo, Don George provided a letter expressing his “commitment to help VEHI determine on its own timeline if and when to participate in the All-payer Model.” A copy of the letter was included in the Board materials.

Board Discussion

Tracy Wrend requested management draft performance metrics to hold BCBSVT accountable if the Board decides to opt-in to the All-Payer Model, sharing risk with OneCare Vermont in 2020.

Tracy asked how the statewide Commission decision impacts VEHI’s FY 21 premium rates currently under review with DFR. Laura Soares responded that we do not yet have the analysis but management has asked for a discussion with BCBSVT’s actuaries. Management will provide an update at the January 15th Board meeting.

As it is her last meeting, Joel recognized and thanked Martha Gagner for her six years of service on the VEHI Board.

Joel thanked all who attend the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Laura Soares

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020 at 4:30 PM