

**Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 25, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at the East Bay Collaborative, 317 Market Street, Warren, Rhode Island.

Roll Call:

Board of Directors

Jane F. Correia	Director	Present
Shawn J. Brown	Director	Excused
David P. Faucher	Director	Present
Robert Mushen	Director	Present
Miriam Goodman	Director	Present
Nancy Lalli	Director	Excused
Glenn Steckman III	Director	Excused
Robert Murray	Director	Excused

Alternate Board Members:

Edward Mara	Alternate	Excused
Catherine McLeish	Alternate	Present
Christine Tague	Alternate	Present
Harold "Ron" Devine	Alternate	Excused
Maureen Macera	Alternate	Excused
Michael Saunders	Alternate	Excused
Vacant	Alternate	Excused
Joanne Vecchio	Alternate	Excused

Others Present

Lynne Dible	Secretary	Excused
Kevin Walsh	Group Benefits Strategies	Present
Peter Stoner	Group Benefits Strategies	Present
Stephen Zubiago	Nixon Peabody LLP	Excused

Call to Order:

President Correia called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Acting Secretary Faucher reported that a quorum was present.

Agenda:

A motion was made by M. Goodman, seconded by D. Faucher, to approve the agenda for the 07/25/2007 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by C. McLeish, seconded by R. Mushen, to approve the minutes (previously emailed) of the regular meeting held 06/27/2007. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

D. Faucher, representing the Treasurer, reported that for the period ending 06/30/2007, GHGRI's cash position was strong. However, he noted that several members had not yet made the July 1 payment.

A motion was made by C. Tague, seconded by R. Mushen, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2007 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Warrants:

A motion was made by C. Tague, seconded by R. Mushen, to approve the August 2007 Warrant Summary which was presented verbally by K. Walsh. The total amount to be paid is \$716,835.51. The motion was approved unanimously.

Self-Funded Cost vs. Funding Analysis:

K. Walsh provided an overview of the Self-Funded Cost vs. Funding Analysis, which is at an overall cost/funding ratio of 96.7% as of the end of June 2007. He reported that there was a large range between members, with the lowest cost/funding ratio being 71% and the highest ratio 107.7%. He added that three members had ratios over 100% after twelve months of operations in the fiscal year.

High Cost Claims Report: K. Walsh reported there were two excess claims over \$200K for the fiscal year, with total reimbursement for those two claims of \$160,280.76.

Old Business:

New Members: K. Walsh reported that he had not received any communication since the last meeting from the communities that had previously expressed interest in joining the GHGRI.

Stop Loss Agreement FY2007: K. Walsh reported that Blue Cross was seeking a signature on the FY2006-07 Agreement prior to providing the FY2007-08 Agreement. He explained that Blue Cross had revised its contract language and, while he agreed in principle with the health care provisions, he recommended that the GHGRI legal counsel review the document. After some discussion, D. Faucher made a motion, seconded by R. Mushen, to direct the following: 1) that Kevin Walsh obtain from Marc Gagnon any contract wording changes Blue Cross was proposing for FY2007-08 and 2), that K. Walsh provide any changes for FY2007-08, along with the FY2006-07 contract, to GHGRI legal counsel, S. Zubiago, for a legal opinion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

GHGRI rates for FY 2009: A discussion took place concerning the pros and cons of using surplus to pay dividends, reduce subsequent year's premiums, establish floors or ceilings on premium rate increases or smooth premium spikes. K. Walsh reviewed the surplus policy which had previously been approved. The group decided that additional discussion was needed after the audit was completed.

The Chair appointed D. Faucher as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and directed that he present a slate of candidates to the Board at the August meeting for approval. He was also tasked with contacting the members to appoint primary and alternate Board members. D. Faucher asked that anyone seeking an office contact him prior to the August meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. was made by M. Goodman, seconded by C. McLeish. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting is August 22, 2007 at the East Bay Educational Collaborative in Warren, RI.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Faucher, Acting Secretary