

**Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island
Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 16, 2008**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Roll Call

Board of Directors

Jane F. Correia	Director	Present
Shawn J. Brown	Director	Present
David P. Faucher	Director	Present
Harold "Ron" Devine	Director	Present
Vacant		
Nancy Lalli	Director	Excused
Douglas Fiore	Director	Excused
Giovanna Venditti	Director	Present

Alternate Board Members

Edward Mara	Alternate	Excused
Catherine McLeish	Alternate	Present
Christine Tague	Alternate	Present
Robert Mushen	Alternate	Excused
Maureen Macera	Alternate	Excused
Michael Saunders	Alternate	Present
Vacant		
Frances Gallo	Alternate	Excused

Others Present

Lynne Dible	Secretary	Present
Maureen Maurer	Recording Secretary	Present
Kevin Walsh	Group Benefits Strategies	Present
Marc Gagnon	BCBSRI	Present
Bob Dooley	WB Community Health	Present
Wally Gurnt	Bradford Group	Present

Agenda

Call to Order

President Faucher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Secretary Dible reported that a quorum was present.

New Business

New Member Approval North Kingstown Town and Schools

D. Faucher reported that North Kingstown Town and Schools are still considering joining GHGRI. He asked that the GHGRI board vote today on admitting North Kingstown Town and Schools to the group since North Kingstown Schools will be meeting next week to vote to join GHGRI. A motion was made by S. Brown, seconded by J. Correia, to accept N. Kingstown Town and Schools as members. The motion passed unanimously.

S. Brown made a motion, seconded by H. Devine, to grant a voting seat to North Kingstown Town and Schools. The motion passed, with J. Correia, H. Devine, S. Brown, and G. Venditti voting in favor and M. Saunders opposed. M. Saunders volunteered to fill in as a GHGRI representative at the North Kingstown school committee meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Discussion and Strategy Relative to State Legislation

D. Faucher provided two handouts: the text of Article 5 from the Supplemental Budget H 7204, and revisions made by attorney S. Zubiago to different sections of Article 5, particularly to Section 1, subsection (h). There was discussion as to how the current language of subsection (h) does not protect the interests of GHGRI. W. Gurnt of the Bradford Group reported that Article 5 may be pulled out of the Supplemental Budget and treated separately, but he cannot get this confirmed. It was agreed that the amended language would need to be submitted by a representative of GHGRI. A motion was made S. Brown, seconded by J. Correia, to approve the amended language for subsection (h) and ask that it be sent electronically by J. Correia to Mr. Michael O'Keefe, House Fiscal Advisory Staff. The motion passed unanimously. If necessary, D. Faucher and S. Brown will attend a hearing in the Senate House Finance committee on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, and will provide testimony.

There was discussion about whether the Board would need to take formal action to ask BCBSRI not to pursue other changes that might adversely affect GHGRI's amended version of subsection (h). J. Correia made a motion that BCBSRI would be asked to agree not to do anything that would jeopardize GHGRI's passage of the amended language of subsection (h). However, there was no second and the motion died.

The question of why GHGRI and WBCH do not have seats on the Advisory Committee was also raised and whether it would be advisable to have one or both groups ask for representation on the Advisory Council. A decision on any action was not reached.

S. Brown was interested in how the benefit structure under the state plan would work, but D. Faucher stated that if the language of subsection (h) is amended and GHGRI is allowed to continue to operate as a separate group, then the issue of the benefit plan design does not need to be addressed.

City of Central Falls Bid Process

The City of Central Falls (not the schools) is going out to bid and the question was raised as to whether GHGRI should participate in the bid process. A motion was made by S. Brown, seconded by M. Saunders, to direct the President send a letter to the City of Central Falls to let them know of the GHGRI's existence. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. was made by J. Correia, seconded by M. Saunders. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 23, 2008, at Portsmouth Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne S. Dible, Secretary
Maureen D. Maurer, Recording Secretary