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June 30, 2022

Group Insurance Board

State of Wisconsin

Location:

The Board meeting was held via teleconference.



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Herschel Day, Chair
Nathan Houdek, Vice-Chair
Nancy Thompson, Secretary
Harper Donahue
Jen Fogel
Dan Fields

Walter Jackson
Katy Lounsbury
Brian Pahnke
Nathan Ugoretz
Bob Wimmer

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS (ETF) STAFF:

Office of the Secretary:

John Voelker, Secretary
Shirley Eckes, Deputy Secretary
Kimberly Schnurr, Board Liaison

Office of Strategic Health Policy:

Eileen Mallow, Brian Stamm, Tricia Sieg

OTHERS PRESENT

Office of the Secretary:

Pam Henning

ETF Staff:

Sara Brockman, Luis Caracas, Liz Doss-Anderson, Oladipo Fadiran, Diana Felsmann, Dan Hayes, Tarna Hunter, Bruce Johnson, Nancy Ketterhagen, Joanne Klaas, Arlene Larson, Kadimma Mbanefo, Tom Rasmussen, Mary Richardson, Jessica Rossner, Tim Steiner, Yikchau Sze, Sarat Tadi, Xiong Vang, Renee Walk, Douglas Wendt, Korbey White, Wade Whitmus, Cheryllynn Wilkins, Kathryn Young

Anthem:

Paul Nobile

Boyer Consulting:

Amy Boyer

Dean Health Plan:

Kathryn Beals, Penny Bound

Delta Dental:

Megan Wohlfeil

Department of Administration:

Dana Gehrman, Tiffany Guerrero, Meghan McKenna, Julie Perry, Derek Sherwin, Tina Updike

Elevance Health:

Karen Geiger, Adam Koenig, Elisabeth Portz

Board	Mtg Date	Item #
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Group Health:

Sarah North

Health Partners:

Elizabeth Erdmann

HSHS:

Shari Tieman

MA Healthcare:

Karen Brunton

Mayo:

Michelle Foley, Christina Gerdes, Randal Schubring

Navitus:

Tara Argall, Karen Markstahler, Julie Olson, Ryan Olson, Alex Peaslee

Network Health:

Vanessa Cagal, Al Wearing

Neugen Health:

Greg Cieslewicz

Novo Nordisk:

Shawn Hansen, Kristin Hoddy, Dave Moody, Uzoma Okeagu, Pat Schmitt

Obesity Action Coalition:

Chris Gallagher

Quartz:

Brittany Coyne, Linsey Tennyson

Securian:

Kjirsten Elsner

Segal Consulting:

Patrick Klein, Ken Vieira

SEWRPC:

Elizabeth Larsen

UW Health:

Sara Broge, Carrie Cichy-Krantz, Lara Wolfe

University of Wisconsin-Stout:

Jo Johnson

UW System Administration:

Brianne Jobke, David Miller, Erin Schoonmaker, Amanda Sonnenburg

Village of Little Chute:

Lisa Remiker-DeWall

WI Assoc of Health Plans:

Tim Lundquist

Public:

Esther Ancel, Mike Buhl, Patrick Flanagan, Keenan Jones, Sean Kirkby, John Lawton, Megan Mieden, WisconsinEye

Others (Unidentified):

16 individuals connected via telephone

Mr. Day, Chair, called the meeting of the Group Insurance Board (Board) to order at 8:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mallow provided the following updates:

- Welcomed WisconsinEye and shared that the meeting would be streamed live from their website.
- Renee Walk had been promoted to the Programs and Policy Unit Director in OSHP.
- Welcomed Nathan Ugoretz to his first Group Insurance Board meeting as the newest Board member.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE PROCESS

Mr. Voelker provided a general overview of the Board Correspondence process to the Board. The goal has and continues to be a direct pass through of all correspondence to the Board. ETF Boards have a dedicated email address and is available on the ETF website for members and interest groups to provide feedback to the Board. He shared

some clarification regarding recent correspondence and the timing from when correspondence was received and presented to the Board.

OVERVIEW OF RATE SETTING PROCESS AND AVAILABLE TOOLS

Ms. Mallow referred the Overview of Rate Setting Process and Available Tools memo (Ref. GIB | 06.30.22 | 3). She highlighted the importance of the GHIP Triple Aim Framework approved by the Board, which focuses on improving the member experience, reducing the per capita costs of health care, and improving the health of the population overall.

Additionally, Ms. Mallow described the key points for rate setting to the Board. These include the following:

- Assumed Trend
- Tier Breakpoints
- Caps on Annual Increases
- Caps on Specific Premium Components
- Health Care Quality Credits.

Ms. Mallow described the surplus reserves, related policies, and the Board's role in applying reserves to "buy-down" premium increases in any year.

WEIGHT-LOSS DRUG COVERAGE OPTIONS REVIEW

Ms. Sieg referred the Board to the Weight-Loss Drug Coverage Options Review memo (Ref. GIB | 06.30.22 | 4). She presented information regarding the cost of all weight-loss drugs that could be provided through Navitus Health Solutions, the Board's Pharmacy Benefits Manager. Ms. Sieg also included an overview of anti-obesity medications covered by peer state public employee plans. The findings in her research also included estimated weight-loss drug costs, long-term effects and those costs, and member weight-loss drug experiences.

Mr. Pahnke made a motion to not add weight-loss drugs to the 2023 non-Medicare Formulary, and to instruct ETF to present a holistic view of weight-loss programming at the November 16, 2022, Board meeting as planned. Mr. Day reminded him that because there was no change to the existing non-Medicare Formulary for 2023, no formal vote was needed. Mr. Pahnke then retracted his motion.

UPDATE ON WEA DEPARTURE

Ms. Mallow referred the Board to the Update on WEA Departure memo (Ref. GIB | 06.30.22 | 5). WEA Trust will terminate participation in the GHIP as of December 31, 2022. This means that approximately 52,000 GHIP members will need to choose a new plan during open enrollment in 2022.

Ms. Mallow described each of the existing WEA Plans and number of covered members, service areas, and Wisconsin counties covered by those plans. The memo contained three attachments, which were maps of WEA East Enrollment and Alternate Plan Availability, WEA West Chippewa Enrollment and Alternate Plan Availability, and WEA West Mayo Enrollment and Alternate Plan Availability. The maps illustrated GHIP members enrolled in WEA's regional plans by county, and how many other plans were considered qualified in said counties.

Ms. Mallow ended by stating that ETF was working with existing health plans and other interested parties to determine how to maintain access to benefits and services for all the Board's members. Additionally, ETF would focus on:

- Working with WEA to be certain that contractual requirements will be met as claim payments run out in 2023,
- Working with participating health plans to minimize provider disruption for members in 2023, and
- Potentially working to find a contract with a new vendor for the Access, State Maintenance Plan, and Medicare Plus plans through a Request for Proposals in 2024.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Ms. Mallow referred the Board to the Board Correspondence memo, which was the only document in the Operational Updates section of the Board packet (Ref. GIB | 06.30.22 | 8A). Ms. Mallow asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding this memo and received no questions.

MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Day announced that the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the 2023 health plan rate strategy, and the strategy to provide coverage for WEA departure. The Board will return to open session and vote on direction to ETF staff regarding coverage for WEA departure.

MOTION: Mr. Fields moved to approve moving to closed session pursuant to the exemption contained in Wis. Stats. §19.85 (1) (e) to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds or to conduct other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Day, Donahue, Houdek, Fields, Flogel, Jackson, Lounsbury, Pahnke, Thompson, Ugoretz, Wimmer.

Nays: None.

The Board convened in closed session at 9:29 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:17 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUSINESS DELIBERATED DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Day, Board Chair, announced during closed session that the Board, ETF staff, and Segal Consulting, the Board's consulting actuaries, discussed the 2023 health plan rate strategy, and the strategy to provide coverage for WEA departure.

DIRECTION TO ETF STAFF REGARDING COVERAGE FOR WEA DEPARTURE

MOTION: Pursuant to s. 40.03(6)(d)5., Mr. Fields moved to direct ETF staff to continue negotiations with current GHIP participating health plans that have expressed interest in expanding service areas for the 2023 plan year and report results and recommendations to the Board at the August 17, 2022, meeting. ETF staff are further directed to negotiate with insurers who do not currently participate in GHIP, but who have submitted proposals to participate in GHIP for 2023 and report results and recommendations to the Board at the August 17, 2022, meeting. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Day, Donahue, Houdek, Fields, Flogel, Jackson, Lounsbury, Pahnke, Thompson, Ugoretz, Wimmer.

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Fields moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Nancy Thompson, Secretary
Group Insurance Board