

MINUTES
Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative
Board Meeting – Sept 23, 2021
2:30 PM-Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Mike Belden, Julie Pendleton, Ian Neviaser, Kate Ericson, Peter Nero, Deb Martin, Jan Perruccio

Others present: Joanne Lund, Thomas Kowalchik and Lynn Iannuzzi-DiBene

Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM

Standing Agenda Items: Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approve minutes of August 19, 2021:

Motion made by Julie Pendleton, seconded by Jan Perruccio to approve the August minutes as presented.

Approved: 5-0-2

2. Financial Status Report

- a.** August net position of \$9m remains strong; decreased slightly from July due to higher claims and timing of member payments.
- b.** July claims ~\$770k compared to August of \$1.2m and up overall year to year ~\$55k.

3. Marketing – new members:

- a.** Ian Neviaser has reached out to Westbrook. In the short term they are not ready to shift. Tom K recommends that we would not touch Westbrook's reserve. There is not an ECHMC requirement for a group to touch their reserve. Renewals would be written separately.
- b.** Julie Pendleton reached out to Region 4. No responses at this time.
- c.** Tom Kowalchik recommends the group remember what makes ECHMC unique from the other RESC Healthcare Collaborative.

4. Update from Vendors/Anthem Update

- a.** Lynn Iannuzzi-DiBene mandates around surveillance testing, which is not covered by Anthem. Anything work related not covered by Anthem. In the future, a self-insured group could have Anthem cover these surveillance tests. If we did this the cost would be full price. (could be collective decision or a district level decision) Tom Kowalchik said there has been lots of turnover at Anthem which is providing challenges. Covid continues to wreak havoc on insurers. Waiting to hear who ECHMC account manager will be from Anthem.

Old Business:

- 1. Wellness Program:** Tom Kowalchik will be connecting with Anthem on the Wellness amount. ECHMC will postpone discussion on our approach once the number is emailed to the group.

New Business

- 1. Performance Guarantees.**

- a. Lynn Iannuzzi-DeBene communicated there is not information on performance guarantees due to a shift in staff at Anthem.
2. **Format for next meeting.**
 - a. Motion to continue meeting on zoom made by Jan Perruccio and seconded by Peter Nero. Motion Passed. 7-0
3. **Agenda Setting for October 28, 2021**
 - a. All standing agenda items and any additions will be communicated by Holly McCalla
 - b. Performance Guarantees
 - c. Wellness Program
 - d. Report out for new member recruitment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM

Next Meeting –October 28, 2021 at 2:30 PM. Zoom information will be provided in a calendar invite.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Ericson

