

**Berkshire Health Group
(BHG)**

Board Meeting #22- 08

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting by Virtual Participation

Meeting Notes

Board and Alternates Present:

Sharon Harrison, Board Chair
Greg Boino
Lyndsay Patenaude
Paula O'Neil
Chris Desjardins

Berkshire Hills RSD
Central Berkshire RSD
Town of Lenox
Northern Berkshire Voc. RSD
Southern Berkshire RSD

Guests present:

James Kelley, CPA
Linda Sciarappa
Richard Butler
Heidi Fountain
Peter Cahill
Chris Collins
Jim Riley
Joseph Anderson
Karen Quinlivan

BHG Treasurer
Town of Williamstown
Berkshire Medical Systems
Blue Cross Blue Shield
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CanaRx
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Sharon Harrison, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

She disclosed that the meeting was being recorded and asked if there were any objections. There were none.

Ms. Harrison asked for a roll call of Board members who will be voting. The following voting members were present:

Sharon Harrison, Board Chair
Greg Boino
Lyndsay Patenaude
Paula O'Neil
Chris Desjardins

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Since there was lack of a voting quorum, the meeting continued for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jim Kelley, CPA reviewed his reports as of April 30, 2022 (unaudited figures). The overall cash position increased by a net of approximately \$583,000 during April primarily due to increased cash in the

Schwab money market account awaiting reinvestment.. Reinsurance receivables increased by a net of \$10,000 during April and the balance stands at approximately \$279,000. The investment account at MMDT stood at approximately \$4,318,000, representing readily available cash for the actuarial reserve. The group experienced an unrealized loss on the investment portfolio for April of approximately \$574,000. The group experienced an overall loss for April of \$843,000. The Health Fund generated a loss of approximately \$324,000 and the Dental Fund a loss of approximately \$9,000. The Investment Fund experienced a loss of approximately \$510,000 for April. For the ten months ended 04/30/2022, the group has experienced a YTD loss in investments of \$474,000. The Health Fund realized a loss of \$1,090,000 with claims as a percentage of member assessment revenue running at 95%. The Dental Fund had a YTD profit of \$35,000 with claims as a percentage of member assessment running at 86%.

GBS reports:

Joseph Anderson reviewed the *FY22 Funding Rate Analysis* with data through April 30, 2022. He reviewed the historical claims summary as compared to 2021 and pointed out an increased trend. He said that the composite expense-to-funding ratio for health plans was 97.47 % and 92.62 % for dental.

Reinsurance:

Karen Quinlivan reviewed the reinsurance reports. For the FY21 period through April, there were 5 claimants with claims above the the \$275,000 specific deductible. The aggregating specific deductible (ASD) of \$100,000 has been met. Total excess claims were \$533,744 and there were \$442,343 in reimbursements, leaving an overpayment credit balance of \$8,599.67. There were 15 claimants on the report of claims between 50% and 100% of the deductible with total claims of \$2,744,730. The FY22 policy period had 3 claimants in excess with updated total paid claims of \$ 1,398,585 and excess claims of \$573,585. The aggregating specific has been met. There were \$187,174.95 in reimbursements and there is an outstanding reimbursement balance due of \$287,410. There were 10 claimants at or above 50% of the deductible with total claims of \$1,831,559.

Wellness program report:

Richard Butler presented a current Wellness Report. Spring Fitness sessions are ongoing. Yoga seems to be the dominant theme. There is an in-person boot camp at MT Everett that continues through spring. The Berkshire 150 is a six week community wide activity with a goal of 150 minutes of physical activity per week. There have been 181 members register and every entity is represented. There were recent fairs at Waconia and Central Berkshire and some members reached out about blood pressure cuffs so they could begin testing at home. There were 53 participants of a squat/plank challenge that distributed prizes. There are currently 17 participants in the Diabetes Program. There have been 13 participants to date in the Hero Coaching program as well.

BCBS Report:

Heidi Fountain said that there will be some formulary changes to the Express Scripts formulary for July 1, 2022. It is standard for Blue Cross to make changes several times a year.

Peter Cahill said that there will be a customized enrollment form designed just for BHG. That will be distributed to Gallagher soon for distribution to the group

Sharon Harrison Asked that the domestic partner option be removed from the form as the group cannot cover them.

Lyndsay Patenaude asked for clarification why.

Karen Quinlivan said that Chapter 32B prevents it for municipalities. There has been historical legal precedence where it was tried and denied until legislation changes.

Other Business:

Chris Collins from CanaRx said that savings were up as well as utilization but if there is increased utilization across the board that may counteract

The next BHG Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

There was no other business.

Sharon Harrison adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 10:06 A.M.

*Prepared by Karen Quinlivan
Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.*