

Best Western Ramkota
800 N. Poplar
Casper, WY 82601
8:00am
August 7, 2015
MINUTES

- Call to Order @ 8:26 am Don Stauffenberg
 - Attendees: Jamie LaValley, Don Dorn, Don Stauffenberg, Rick Magstadt, Tanya Allee,
 - Other Attendees: Mary Ellen Young, Helen Jerome, Deb Alvarez, McKenzie Williams
 - Absent: Terry Donaldson, Grant Christiansen, David Hornbeck, Gary Wolfe

- Introduction of new members Mary Ellen Young
Deb Alvarez

- Approval of May 1, 2015 minutes Don Stauffenberg
 - a. Don Dorn Made the motion to approve the minutes. Jamie LaValley seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

- Approval of July Financials Don Stauffenberg
 - a. Financials were reviewed with Mary Ellen Young explaining the percentages that are in the various accounts regarding the budget amounts. We seem to be setting well within our goals.
 - b. Don Dorn made the motion to approve the financials. Jamie LaValley seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- EBMS Issues from last meeting:
 - RMA – This type of account does appear to be compatible with our benefits. The RMA is similar to a limited purposed health reimbursement arrangement because benefits are only available to a retiree and only for health insurance premiums.
 - Sleep Studies & C Pap – Mary Ellen Young has not heard back on this issue
 - Quarterly benefits by code – Mary Ellen will e-mail this report to the board members with a copy of these minutes.
 - EBMS doesn't allow us to update the insurance for members as well as we are not able to see what their middle initials are and the suffixes in their program.

Health Savings Account

- Rick Magstadt asked if a member has a Health Savings Account - can they still get the Hearing Aid benefit from the WMHB. No, they cannot. According to the IRS, a miner needs to terminate themselves from the WMHB in order to keep their HSAs.

- Executive Director report/FYE numbers Mary Ellen Young
 - a. Mary Ellen reviewed the report. If our registration numbers have increased by 15% EBMS form June 30, 2013 EBMS can increase our rates. We started at 6,929 and are now at 7,859 which is up 13.4% . We are still under the 15% and our contract ends June 2016. The HA program increased 9% over the last fiscal year for first hearing aid claims. The number of hearing aids dispensed is down. Miner's medical assistance is up 8% from last fiscal year. Prescription claims are almost

flat up \$240. We are up only 3% in claims. We need to keep an eye on the hearing aid side but our trend is that it is rising.

- Google Analytics/Web page and hits Deb Alvarez
 - a. Debbie Alvarez found that our web site has never been pulled out from the state web site so we were seeing everything for the whole state. She has seen 88 people going into the web site and staying in there for some time. From July 1st to August 1st we were up in lookers. 31% of our Facebook visitors have been directed into the web site. People can post reviews onto the Facebook site as well. The security has been tightened so we don't get people posting wrong types of web sites. Mary Ellen proposed that we put on our web site our board members are with their expiration date of their terms. If we would include documents into our Facebook we would have to pay but we can put links into the notes section.
- Approval of proposed Rules Don Stauffenberg
 - a. We have received back one comment from the public regarding the wording in Chapter 2, Section 4,b,(i) to change it to medical provider or health care provider which would include all of the necessary physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Mackenzie Williams, the board's Attorney General Representative is comfortable changing the wording to "medical provider licensed under state law" in place of "physician". Rick Magstadt made the motion to approve the Chapter 2 Rules as amended taking out the word of "Physician" and replacing it with "medical provider licensed under state law" in all sections where the word "physician" appears. Jamie LaValley seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Chapter 1 Rules were changed very minimally. Don Dorn made the motion to approve the Chapter 1 Rules as proposed. Seconded by Rick Magstadt. Motion carried.
- Review and approve Administrative Procedures Book Mary Ellen Young
 - a. Sand & Gravel – there is a problem with getting the verification on these people since they may not be working at the "point of extraction" but in the office, etc. Mary Ellen Young will reference back to the Chapter 2 Rules, Section 1c. Mackenzie Williams said that we can do a "practice without consequences" in order to gather more data on verifications and then do policy decisions upon receiving.
 - b. Jamie LaValley made the motion to accept the Administrative Procedures Book with the revised changes and if any further revisions need to be done it can be done at the next meeting. Tanya Allee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Proposed 17/18 Budget Mary Ellen Young
 - a. There were small changes in our 17/18 Budget. The 100 series/salaries increased due to the fact that the AWEC employees became state employees with benefits. The 500 series decreased because the Rock Springs office leases for less than the Green River office did.

New Business:

- Changing the Statue to allow 3 full time employees Don Stauffenberg
 - a. Don Stauffenberg feels that we need to contact a legislator to sponsor a bill that would increase our employee status from 2 full time employees to 3 full time employees.

- b. Mackenzie Williams suggested that to say the Executive Director controls the employees whether full time or part time and use the budget in order to provide funding. Not to stipulate a certain number of employees, rather it is at the discretion of the board.
- Dropping non PPO hearing aid provider subsidy to \$1,000 Mary Ellen Young
 - a. In the last month we have updated our hearing aid PPO contract and asked our HA providers that wanted to stay in the program to sign a new contract. We would really like to have our miners use our preferred providers rather than a non-preferred provider. If we offer a \$1000 for a non-preferred provider then maybe more will go to a PPO provider so that they receive the bigger benefit.
 - b. Don Dorn made the motion to change the amount for non PPO hearing aid providers to \$1,000 after the new Rules have been filed. Rick Magstadt seconded. Motion carried.
- Listing board members end of term dates on the website? Mary Ellen Young
 - a. Yes and we will make a link to the Governor's website for board applications.
- Public Sounding
 - a. None
- Adjournment & Next Meeting
 - a. Don Dorn made the motion was made to hold the next meeting on October 30th @ Riverton, WY. Jamie LaValley seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Rick Magstadt made the motion to adjourn. Tanya Allee seconded. Motion carried.