

Wyoming Miners' Hospital Board
Friday, June 22, 2012
Holiday Inn, Riverton, Wyoming

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Albert Battisti, Wyoming Miners' Hospital Board President, called this meeting of the Wyoming Miners' Hospital Board to order at 8:29 am.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Brook Bahnson – Campbell County Memorial Hospital Representative

Albert Battisti – Rock Springs

David Hornbeck – Casper

Bill Korhonen – Rock Springs

Jamie LaValley – Gillette

Rose Moseby – Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County Representative

Don Stauffenberg – Riverton

Gary Wolfe – Green River

Others Present were:

Mary Ellen Young - Executive Director

Helen Jerome - Gillette Administrative Assistant

Ken Nelson - Senior Assistant Attorney General

Bill Rice - Campbell County Memorial Hospital

Chuck Kemeny - MOST Owner

Not Present were:

Cliff Knesel – Gillette

Stephanie Hartford - Green River Administrative Assistant

Albert Battisti made a determination that there was a quorum and that the meeting could proceed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2012, April 5, 2012, meetings and June 6, 2012 conference call. Brook seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Executive Director's Report – Mary Ellen had sent the report out prior to the meeting. There was not a lot to add. Mary Ellen said that more phone calls are coming in for both Green River and Gillette. This shows that it is nice to have people in the offices even part time. Along with that we have heard complaints about EBMS and how they are handling phone calls. We have a new representative, Janean Honadel, and she will go back and find

- the call in order to get the problem corrected. Helen, Stephanie and Mary Ellen went to EBMS and spent time with them about us taking over registrations and how it will work. We can put members in on MiBenefits page, scan their registration document and keep a log. Right now we cannot pull back up the PDF file as there is a problem in their system. The work load will increase as we get the information from EBMS to audit all of our members.
- B. Financial Reports – All monies have been transferred from other accounts that had balances in the 900 series to the Medical Assistance program as it was short funding for the rest of the fiscal year. Through two B-11's, we have added \$1.2 million more than what was originally budgeted for the 2011-2012 biennium. We have a minus showing on the financial report which does not include our latest B-11. Updated financials will be sent as soon as the correction is made. Motion was made by Don to accept the financials pending the correction from analyst. Seconded by Jamie. Motion passed.
- C. PROGRAMS:
- a. Hearing Aid Assistance and PPO – We stopped paying claims for May and June. The program will resume July 1st, 2012.
 - b. Miners' Medical Assistance – As of May 30, there were over 7,600 registered miners. We have grown 700 per cent in 4 years. Prescription drugs are now fewer than 15% of the total Miners' Medical Assistance program. Where we really get hit hard financially are the people who do not have any other insurance and are using the MHB as their only prescription coverage. Jana, our EBMS claims rep, sees that there are a lot of people who qualified before 2009, when they did not have to have worked 12 consecutive months on a mine sites, and most of these individuals do not have other insurance.
 - c. Mobile Wellness Testing
 - i. Bill Rice - CCMH Wellness Program – Bill gave a power point presentation from the CDC. His recommendation is that we continue to do Wellness testing with the hospital in Gillette based on the benefits of pro-active health care.
 - ii. Charles Kemeny – owner MOST Healthcare – The type of testing that they do covers other diseases that are caught sometimes in the early stages with their testing. If we can prevent diseases it will eventually cut down on our costs in the long run. The results of lot of the miner's tests that MOST does, would benefit by a professional reviewing them with the miner, i.e., x-rays, ekg's. Charles handed out trend reports.
 - iii. There are a lot of people that would not get a wellness test if it weren't for CCMH and MOST doing them. All the board members agree that Wellness Testing is extremely beneficial. The biggest question is "Who is responsible for paying for annual Wellness Testing"? The MHB money originally was set out for incapacitated and disabled miners. Most miners that are still employed have an annual physical as part of their benefit package. Statistics show only 15% of people take advantage of the annual physical

with their companies. There are ways to save money and we need to be able to use these options.

- iv. Discussion as to which direction we need to go - do we want to continue to have a wellness program in our budget or drop it altogether? Can we make it affordable for us? Don made the motion to go forward to look at every cost savings we can come up with for Wellness Testing. Gary seconded the motion. Discussion was that we could look at getting bids, a company paying option, check with main hospitals in different areas to see what is offered. We don't want to step away completely from Wellness Testing as it is needed. Motion passed.

D. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES:

- a. Mary Ellen introduced two e-mails that contained public comments about the proposed rule changes. Copies of these e-mails were handed out to the board members. One e-mail referred to the office workers not being eligible since they don't have immediate access to mining areas. The other misunderstood the age 50 ruling and why everyone working in a plant would not be covered, i.e., power plants. Once comment was that Wellness vans should be reserved for retired, and disabled miners. There were no questions from the board.
- b. Chapter 1 – No changes other than wording changes and to clean up the language. Bill made the motion to accept changes in Chapter I. Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Chapter 2 – Major changes include office workers and others that are not in close contact with the mining, prepping or shipping of the product will no longer be eligible. All registrants who are currently enrolled will be grandfathered in. The other major change would limit Miners' Medical Assistance funding to those individuals age 50 and over or physically unable to work as a miner. These benefits will not be grandfathered in; the change in these benefits will be effective once the Governor has signed the rule changes. Bill made the motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 2. Don seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Changing Miner's annual claims to match Fiscal year.
 - a. Miner's claims accruals currently run Jan thru Dec. EBMS has proposed that since everything we have runs on a fiscal year rather than calendar year, we change the accrual of benefits to match. If we go with this we will have to start everyone over on July 1 with the \$5000 benefit. Bill said that people have an easier time understanding the calendar year rather than the fiscal year since their insurances operate on a calendar year. It was the consensus to leave claims on a calendar year.
- B. MHB Taking over registrations.
 - a. Mary Ellen would like to require a copy of driver's license for all registrations and audits be initiated. This is to help ensure that new registrants and current

registrants are legally a resident of Wyoming. Bill made the motion that we require a copy of Wyoming driver's license or official Wyoming State Identification. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- b. Require a statement of billable hours on contractors on audits and registrations. The MHB office will need to meet with contractors/letters to verify the mine site requirement in order to register. Need to be the primary work site for their work week. Perhaps additional registration form for contractors would be advisable.

F. OTHER:

- a. Gary made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 am to go into executive session. Jamie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Albert announced the board meeting has reconvened. Brook moved and Jamie seconded that the Admin Assistants at the two offices be given a \$1.00 per hour raise based on the increased workload with registrations and auditing of files. Motion passed.

G. PUBLIC SOUNDING:

- a. Public input: mentioned earlier under D: Adoption of Rules. No other public comments/sounding.

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

- a. Don moved and Jamie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on September 7th @ 8:30am at the Holiday Inn, 721 Granite Peak Drive, in Casper, Wyoming.