

Cheyenne Radisson
Sheridan Saratoga Room
March 10, 2017
9:00am

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Don Stauffenberg

- o Attendees: Don Stauffenberg, Tanya Allee, Jeffrey Harrington, Rick Magstadt, Elwood Birch, Terry Donaldson with quorum requirements met.
- o Absent: Jamie LaValley, Grant Christianson
- o Other Attendees: Mary Ellen Young, Helen Jerome Ronda Strother, Misha Westby AG Rep

II. Guests:

Anne McIlvaine, and Patricia Bach representing Wyo.gov Human Resources Division

- o Patricia and Anne discussed the process of raises and reclassifications for State employees. All State and AWAC employees must meet certain criteria and the process has strict guidelines as to what needs to be done for employee movement. With the dire financial situation the State is currently in, all raises are frozen.
- o Discussion of a MOU with Anne McIlvaine. Our current MOU expires in August of 2017. This MOU allows for HRD to assist Mary Ellen in recruiting, etc. and other personnel actions that need to be done. Jeanie Burton currently does the payroll transactions not HRD.

III. EBMS guest

Janean Honadel-Sleep Apnea cost study

- Per EBMS that total Sleep Apnea related charges in 2016 were \$222,792.67. This included sleep studies, EKG and other testing, office visits, oxygen, rental cost of c-pap machine, blood work and supplies for the c-pap machine.
- Since none of the claims had a direct correlation to mine work, it will be up to the board whether or not they want to continue to pay these claims.
- The charges for sleep apnea conditions are a small fraction (.03%) of the claims paid in the Miner's Medical Assistance budget.
- Don Dorn made the motion was to continue pay for sleep apnea claims. Jeff Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of October 7th board meeting minutes

- Terry Donaldson made the motion to approve the October minutes. Don Dorn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Approval of most recent Financials

- At the present time we are setting good.
- Claims for January were 108% higher than a year ago but February was down (14%).
- The Executive Summary on the financials is a snapshot of things that are paid out and what for.
- Rick Magstadt made the motion to approve the financials. Elwood Birch seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

IV. Old Business:

A. Executive Director's Report/Programs

Mary Ellen

- We are showing a 108% increase in assistance benefits from last January 2016. We are below average in February. Prescriptions are running slightly higher than a year ago.

- The number of miners that are maxing out their benefits is increasing earlier due to higher deductibles in insurance from a lot of employers.
- Jean Burton sent word to Mary Ellen that we needed another contract in order to pay invoices since we are out of money to pay these invoices. It turns out that there was a paragraph that was not included in this contract that addressed the payment of invoices. We now will have to make up an amendment in order to get the invoices paid that are being held up and in the future.

B. Sleep Apnea benefits

Don Stauffenberg

- Covered previously

V. New Business

A. New reimbursement rates

Helen

- Mileage rate went down \$0.01 to \$0.535. No changes in per diem.

B. Hearing Aid Survey-going online

Mary Ellen

- Ronda Strother will be continuing with the hearing aid survey and putting it on line. We are finding that if people go to an HA provider they only know about that program and not about the other programs that we offer so this is one way to get the information on the other programs as well as get the feedback on the HA providers in general. Most of the time there is a 3 to 4 month window from the time that they get the HA until Ronda does the survey. The object is for the survey to be posted on our website is for members to be able to look at what the surveys have found concerning HA providers and costs.

C. Auditing claims-responsibilities

Mary Ellen

- Helen Jerome will take over this responsibility. What we are attempting to do is that after the first claim of the year and she will check to see if there is a current driver's license, insurance, etc. and if not a letter will be sent out to the member in order to obtain the necessary information with a suitable time frame given to them to return the requested information before they are terminated for failure to return.

D. Board members meeting attendance

Don Stauffenberg

- It was at the Dec 17, 2003 meeting that a motion was passed that "...continued absence from three consecutive board meetings or 50% of meetings in any year be grounds for dismissal...". At this time Grant Christianson is no longer affiliated with Sweetwater County and has missed numerous meetings. The Sweetwater Commissioners are to appoint a person to fill his position on the board.

E. Election of 2017 board chairman

Mary Ellen

- Nominations are open:
 - Rick Magstadt nominated Don Stauffenberg. Terry Donaldson seconded the motion. Don accepted the nomination. Don was elected by acclamation.

VI. Public Sounding

- None

VII. Adjournment & Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held on ~~July 14, 2017~~ at Green River. (This meeting was rescheduled for June 9th) Elwood Birch will check to see if we can hold the meeting in one of the conference rooms at the Ciner mine and do a tour following the meeting.
- Rick Magstadt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Donaldson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am