



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 1, 2018

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Angela Burke Boston  
Jim Donoghue  
Eric Kohlsdorf  
Dr. Bob Russell  
Dr. Jonathan Crosbie (absent)  
Dr. Kaaren Vargas

**Staff**

Debbie Johnson  
Anna Ruggle  
Mike Randol

**EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative John Forbes (absent)  
Senator Nate Boulton  
Representative Shannon Lundgren (absent)  
Senator Dennis Guth

Kevin Kirkpatrick  
Nick Peters

**Guests**

Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup  
Jean Johnson, Department of Public Health-Outreach  
Mary Nelle Trefz, Child and Family Policy Center  
Joe Estes, MAXIMUS  
Jane Brown, UnitedHealthcare  
Katie McNamee, VNS  
Barbara Neble, Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
Kim Proctor, American Home  
Jamie Powell, UnitedHealthcare

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eric Kohlsdorf called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

The Chair read the following statement:

***“This meeting of the hawk-i Board is being held in accord with Section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled “electronic meeting.” The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means if circumstances***

***are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical or if the governmental body complies with the rules. The rules essentially state that access must be provided to the public. The meeting is being held on a speaker phone in Conference Room 129 of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Office Building. An agenda was sent to interested groups as well as the press advising them the meeting will be held via conference call. Minutes will be kept of the meeting.”***

## **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting, made by Angela Burke Boston, second by Kaaren Vargas. MOTION PASSED

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director’s report was given by Mike Randol and Debbie Johnson. Johnson stated that the enrollment numbers are stable for the most part, and that the finances are on pace for the year. Randol talked about his activities with the legislature and legislative committees.

Kohlsdorf inquired about the federal dollars that will be available for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and questioned the amount that is available for the rest of this year. Johnson explained that federal CHIP monies were reallocated for this year, Iowa may receive fewer federal dollars in matching funds but the situation will be monitored closely.

## **hawk-i Outreach Report**

Jean Johnson, Iowa Department of Public Health **hawk-i** coordinator, highlighted the success stories she compiled. She encouraged the Board members to read and enjoy the stories.

## **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Kevin Kirkpatrick reported that a new hawk-i brochure was being designed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kohlsdorf asked if there had been in change in speech therapy coverage. Comments were made from the public in attendance about coverage for habilitative/rehabilitative speech services from the MCOs.

Kohlsdorf asked for more history on the coverage for Speech Therapy services. He asked for a detailed report at the next board meeting that includes how much it would

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cost to include Speech Therapy for all **hawk-i** participants, actuarial support on what the cost would do to benefits, any UnitedHealthcare benchmarks and if there has been a decline in the number of participants receiving speech therapy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be May 21, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nick Peters, Recorder of Minutes