



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 29, 2018

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**Staff**

Mike Randol  
Liz Matney  
Anna Ruggle

**EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

Heather Miller  
Kevin Kirkpatrick  
Nick Peters

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eric Kohlsdorf called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

**TELECONFERENCE STATEMENT**

The following statement was read by Eric Kohlsdorf, Board Chair:

***“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 122 of the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Office Building on Monday October 29, 2018. 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.”***

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Jonathan Crosbie, second by Jim Donoghue to approve the May 21, 2018 meeting minutes, MOTION PASSED. Motion by Crosbie, second by Angela Burke Boston to approve the meeting minutes for the June 27, 2018 meeting. MOTION PASSED with corrections. Motion by Crosbie, second by Donoghue to approve the August 20, 2018 minutes. MOTION PASSED with corrections.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director's report was given by Mike Randol, Medicaid Director. Randol reviewed enrollment data. He said he is asking staff to look at different methods to report information. He would like reports to be displayed using more graphs. He has asked staff to change the format they present this information to the Board.

### **REVIEW OF MCO QUARTERLY REPORT**

Liz Matney, MCO Bureau Chief, shared with the Board a few highlights of the State Fiscal Year 2018 (SFY18) Quarter 4 report. She said Amerihealth Caritas has transitioned their business outside of Iowa. She encouraged the Board to remember that the data is a snapshot in time. All questions that may arise after the meeting can be sent to Nick and they will be answered as soon as possible.

Chair Kohlsdorf asked for an update about the status of a report on speech therapy services offered by the MCOs. Director Randol said speech therapy services will not be revisited for two years. In Iowa, the MCOs are allowed to define what is covered for speech therapy based on national benchmarks. UnitedHealthcare covers rehabilitative services and Amerigroup chooses to cover more habilitative services.

Kohlsdorf asked if a mandate from the Board to provide coverage for therapy services would be of any benefit. Randol stated that we would have to look at the applicable federal and state codes.

Donoghue asked if availability of services is a good cause reason to switch MCOs. Randol stated that the information provided by IME Member Services would explain the services the different plans offer.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting will be December 17, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nick Peters, Recorder of Minutes