



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2018

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**Staff**

Mike Randol  
Debbie Johnson  
Anna Ruggle

**EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

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

Liz Matney  
Kevin Kirkpatrick  
Nick Peters

**Guests**

Natalie Koerber, Amerigroup  
Nancy Lind, UnitedHealthcare  
Jessica Coen  
Nichole Stark  
Sandi Hurtado Peters, IDOM  
Mary Nell Trefz  
Gretchen Hageman, Delta Dental of Iowa

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eric Kohlsdorf called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**DHS DIRECTOR VISIT**

DHS Director Jerry Foxhoven visited the Board meeting. He came to talk to the board about inequities he sees between the benefits of **hawk-i** kids and Medicaid kids. He talked specifically about dental rates and the discrepancy between coverage and the potential of bringing the costs between the two groups to a more even level. His question was why we treat one group of kids differently than another. He pointed to the

fact that **hawk-i** dental reimburses at 46% more than Medicaid. Foxhoven challenged the board to look at this particular inequity and look for other inequities in the **hawk-i** program. Eric Kohlsdorf requested comparison data showing differences between Medicaid and hawk-i plans and any cost information available. He also requested a list of dentists that participate in **hawk-i**.

### **ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director's report was given by Mike Randol, Medicaid Director. He reported that there appeared to be no spikes in, or losses in, members by county in either **hawk-i** coverage or dental only programs. He reviewed the financial statements and pointed out that we seem to be where we should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Randol asked if reports could be changed to be more visually pleasing. The same data will be reported in a more graph-type presentation.

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

Liz Matney, MCO Bureau Chief, pointed out a few highlights of the Quarter 2 reports. Amerihealth has transitioned their business outside the State of Iowa. She encouraged readers 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. She also pointed out the Quarter 3 report will be published and she will return to present that information at the June meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting, with corrections, made by Angela Burke Boston, seconded by Jonathan Crosbie.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MAXIMUS CONTRACT EXTENSION AMENDMENT**

Anna Ruggle presented the Third Amendment to the Administrative Services for the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (**hawk-i**) Program Contract act MED-12-027. The amendment reflects a 2% yearly increase for Operations Costs. The Board asked for information about the second amendment and Ruggle stated that a typo occurred and reported that this is the second Amendment. The board asked that the amendment number be changed and this change reflected in the minutes.

The Board also asked about the \$29,022,567.24 figure listed in **Revision 3. Section 3.2, Pricing**. Ruggle stated that amount was for the contract life, not for one fiscal year.

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Kohlsdorf asked for a motion to approve the contract amendment. Motion made by Dr. Russell, seconded by Angela Burke Boston.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

***hawk-i* OUTREACH REPORT**

Jean Johnson, Iowa Department of Public Health ***hawk-i*** coordinator, mentioned that three of the telephone participants in this meeting are Outreach Coordinators. Johnson thanked the Board for the updates on reauthorization because the area coordinators have express concern about continued funding of ***hawk-i***.

Her report went on to highlight the success stories she compiled. She encouraged the Board members to read and enjoy the stories.

***hawk-i* OUTREACH REPORT**

Dr. C. David Smith gave a report highlighting the activities of the ***hawk-i*** Clinical Advisory Committee, The meeting held in January discussed working with other agencies, notably Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH.) The April meeting of the committee did not have a quorum, so no business was conducted. The committee will meet again in July.

Going forward, Dr. Smith expressed interest coordinating coordination of care between groups. He also voiced concern about losing physicians due to low reimbursement rates.

**COMMUNICATION UPDATES**

Kevin Kirkpatrick introduced himself as the new Public Information spokesperson for IME. He and Matt Highland continue to work together transitioning his role. Plans are for the Medicaid newsletter to resume this fall.

Kirkpatrick reported that the redesign and implementation of the new ***hawk-i*** logo has been postponed until 2019 when the new MCO is on board because all printed material will need to be reprinted at that time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Nell Trefz, Child and Family Policy Center inquired if there was an analysis regarding potential implications of the rescission package that the Trump administration proposed about clawbacking CHIP funding. Anna Ruggle will provide more clarification to Trefz.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kohlsdorf asked about any information about the concerns on Speech Therapy and the MCO's. Debbie Johnson reported that IME is still looking at the numbers and will report back to the Board as soon as that information is confirmed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be June 18, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nick Peters, Recorder of Minutes