

**Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative
Minutes June 8, 2017**

Members Present: Eileen Howley, Mary Royce, Kim Allen, Jan Perruccio, Julie Pendleton,
Maryann O'Donnell (12:40pm), Janet Murphy

Others present: Lynn Nenni, Nat Brown, Richard Napolli, Jack Cross, Tom Kowalchik (12:40pm),
Dawn Jones (USI), Mark Converse (USI)

Meeting called to order at 12:35 P.M.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **AGENDA:** Move directly to USI Wellness Presentation and then proceed through agenda as time permits.
2. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017 meeting made by E. Howley and seconded by M. Royce. **Motion approved 7-0-0.**
3. **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:** The April reports were distributed and discussed. The current fund balance for the 2016-2017 fiscal year as of May 31, 2017 is \$368,638.16 and the total projected fund balance for year end is **(\$316,180.54)**.

4. VENDOR UPDATE:

USI: Tom advised May claim data is not available. When available, he will distribute to members via email.

5. Update on Possible New Members

East Haddam: USI sent a proposal to the district's broker. Note that they are currently on a calendar year renewal and would not join the consortium until January 2018.

A revised ECHMC brochure was distributed for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Stop Loss Insurance Feasibility Study

J. Cross of LEARN discussed that ECHMC would have higher costs if we used a third vendor for our stop/loss insurance. He recommended that the consortium continue with CIGNA; however, he does advise that there may be savings in the future and the board should revisit the bidding process in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pullman & Comley Invoice

Motion to approve the invoice for payment made by K. Allen and seconded by J. Murphy.

Motion approved 7-0-0.

2. USI – Mark Converse Wellness Presentation

A report on the consortium's baseline markers and gaps in service was distributed and reviewed. While the Board is current below the norms, it still has gaps in services that should be addressed.

Mark recommended that the group work with CIGNA for better disease management and include this data in future claim reports.

The Board's wellness sub-committee will meet in July to form a wellness strategy for the entire board's review. Tom will contact Tri-Health to bargain for another year of service since the year didn't get running to January and the number of members participating was low.

3. Election of Officers

Motion made to waive the officer "roll-up" by E. Howley and seconded by M. Royce.

Motion approved 7-0-0.

Motion made to elect Jan Perruccio as Chairperson, Julie Pendleton as Vice-Chairperson and Maryann O'Donnell as Secretary by E. Howley and seconded by J. Murphy. **Motion approved 7-0-0.**

4. Annual Authorizations

Motions made that Jan Perruccio, Chairperson of the Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative Board of Directors, is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Board any and all contracts, amendments or other documents requiring Board execution, effective from July 1, 2017 until the earlier of June 30, 2018 or when Jan Perruccio ceases to be Chairperson of the ECHM Cooperative Board and ... Be it also resolved that Jan Perruccio may execute documents that create obligations for the ECHM Cooperative Board greater than an amount of \$10,000 only with prior authorization of the ECHM Cooperative Board made by E. Howley and seconded by J. Pendleton.

Motion approved 7-0-0.

Motion made to extend the 2016-2017 fiscal agent contract with LEARN through the 2017-2018 fiscal year and authorize the Chairperson to execute the extended contract under the same terms made by J. Murphy and seconded by J. Pendleton. **Motion approved 7-0-0.**

5. PBIx report on clinical recommendations.

Postponed to Fall meeting.

6. Review Bylaw Language

Discussion followed on voting rights for new members. Article 5.3 of the bylaws was reviewed and discussion on changing the bylaws to allow new members voting privileges in degrees: those entering with only Dental and Rx versus those entering with all three sections (medical, dental and Rx). Jan will contact the Board's attorney for review of the current bylaws and recommended changes to be made to them.

7. Next Meeting – August 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 1:59 pm made by M. Royce and seconded by J. Murphy. **Motion approved: 7-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Allen

