

**AGENDA**  
**Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative**  
**Regular Board – November 16, 2017 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm**  
**LEARN, 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT**

**Members Present:** Julie Pendleton, Jan Perruccio, , Deborah Martin, Mary Royce, Eileen Howley, Maryann O'Donnell, and Carolyn Dickey (entered at 2:03 p.m.)

**Others present:** Tom Kowalchik, Michael R. (USI), Dawn Norton, Nat Brown, Lynn Nenni

*Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.*

**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **AGENDA:** Remove # 3 of new business. Motion made by Mary Royce and seconded by Eileen  
Motion approved 7-0-0
2. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2017 meeting made by Julie  
Pendleton and seconded by Mary Royce. Motion approved 7-0-0
3. **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT:** The October financial report was reviewed. The current  
net position as of October 31, 2017 is \$976,898.68. The change in net position since June 30,  
2017 was \$267,754.43. Total current assets was reported as \$1,510,137.35 with the total  
liabilities of \$808,467.05.
4. **VENDOR UPDATE:**  
**MAXOR:** Chantal sent an email with the PBRiX information to all members.  
**USI:** Tom K. provided a handout that represents July 2016 through Sept 2016 and July 2017 to  
Sept 2017 for comparison purposes. He indicated that general utilization is not the issue, large  
claimants are driving the trend from Q1 FY17 vs. Q1 FY18. In addition, he provided  
information related to the top claimants in this contract year. Overall, he indicated that trending  
is in a more positive direction.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update on Possible New Members**

Tom K. is still waiting on updated claims information. It appears that Region 4 is still interested and is waiting for the ECHM to provide updated bylaws language.

**2. Discussion of Bylaws**

Jan P. sent information to the Board with updated language suggestions to the bylaws. Discussion ensued related to the changes, including voting rights, in particular, voting on prescription vs. medical when groups may be only partial members. One option is that every member would have voting rights, but can only vote on the items that pertain to their membership area(s). Implications of this would mean that we would need to look at separating

specific decisions. This might be difficult to do and it was decided to do an ad-hoc committee to explore various options in depth prior to making a decision.

### **3. Feedback on ECHMC Brochure**

Additional information was suggested for the brochure. Including: explanations of what the cooperative is, why to join, how to determine feasibility of joining, who to contact for additional information, and various edits. Mary R. will collect all suggestions and bring it back to with revisions.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Compliance Updates to Affordable Care Act**

Michael from USI ERISA and Employee Benefits law shared information about ACA compliance and updates. IRS information on employer shared responsibility penalty letters will be sent out based on 2015 information. If we receive a letter we should call Tom at USI and they will help us walk through the process.

### **2. USI Benefit Resource Center Information**

Tom would like to move this item to the December agenda and have Dawn come to the meeting.

### **4. December Agenda**

Move all standing agenda items forward

Review feedback on ECHMC Brochure - old

USI Benefit Resource - new

Tentative Renewal Rate- early projection - own agenda item - new

Schedule A Review - new

Subcommittee Update - new

Wellness Update - new challenge was sent out

### **4. Next Meeting – December 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn at 3:23 pm made by Mary Royce and seconded by Jan Perruccio.

**Motion Approved: 7-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann O'Donnell

