

**MINUTES**  
**Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative**  
**Board Meeting – January 23, 2020**  
**9:00 – 11:00 AM- Room 107**  
**LEARN, 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT**

**Members Present:** Kate Ericson, Nat Brown, Julie Pendleton, Deb Martin, Holly McCalla, Sue Cunningham, Karl Kilduff, Jan Perruccio

**Others present:** Mike Belden, Joanne Lund, Lynn Iannuzzi-DiBene, Thomas Kowalchik,

***Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM***

**Standing Agenda Items:** Discussion and Possible Action

**1. Agenda:**

*Reviewed, acceptance with change to date of minutes, December 19 not 22.*

**2. Approve minutes of December 19, 2019:**

*Motion made by N. Brown seconded by H. McCalla to approve the minutes as written*

*Approved: 6-0-2 J. Perruccio and K. Ericson abstained*

**3. Financial Status Report**

- a. Net position is \$2,380,290– up \$250k from last month due to stop loss reimbursements
- b. Overall claims shows down \$434k from November but net of stop loss there is an increase of \$40k
- c. Clinton BOE receivable for August through December of \$71,134 will increase net position; LEARN is still working to obtain detail (from anthem) for dental claims for Clinton BOE.
- d. Year-over-year claims (net of Clinton BOE) increased \$980k or 13%
- e. Dashboard – Nat Brown reviewed dashboard. The number of large claims are up 5 for the month of November for a total of 23 (over \$50k). We are about 50% of progress toward goal of \$3.6 million.

**4. Update from Vendors:**

- a. Tom indicated two additional members over the stop loss of \$150k; we expect another 2 or 3 members to hit that limit within the next couple months.
- b. Discussion of letter from Comptroller for comparison to State Plan 2.0 may be forthcoming
- c. State Plan increase is projected at 8 to 9%
- d. Experience is 1.10% reduction over current rates based on calendar year 2019 claims; further out, adding in more trend (15-month) is at 2.66%. His suggestion is to stay with the current 10% built into your budget process.
- e. Tom distributed updated renewal package - vendors don't want to lock in Stop/Loss. Additional discussion followed detailing comparison of responses. Committee feels the need to interview all respondents.

Motion made by Jan, seconded by Nat to interview all Vendor respondents, Cigna, Aetna, Anthem, Connecticut. Tom will set up interviews to be held on February 3 at Old Saybrook,-details to follow. Julie will contact legal representation regarding the best way to handle the interviews: in or out of executive session.

## Old Business

### 1. Informational Brochure and FAQ sheet

- a. Received three options of FAQ sheet. Discussion followed highlighting the differences of each. Option #1 was chosen with the addition of an email contact for each member of the committee.

### 2. Wellness Update:

- a. Tabled to future meeting

### 3. Cooperative Luncheons

- a. Tabled to future meeting

## New Business

1. Agenda was set for special meeting to conduct vendor interviews being held on February 3.
2. Next meeting date was changed to February 20 at LEARN. This will be a special meeting as well, agenda items outlined.

*Motion to adjourn by N. Brown and J. Perruccio 10:45 A.M.*

*Motion approved: 8-0-0*

Next Meeting –February 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Martin

