

**MINUTES**  
**Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative**  
**Board Meeting – April 29, 2022**  
**12:30 PM-2:30 PM**

**Members Present:** Julie Pendleton, Holly McCalla, Mike Belden, Kate Ericson, Deb Martin, Peter Nero, Ian Neviasser, Jan Perruccio

**Others present:** Joanne Lund, Thomas Kowalchik

**Meeting called to order at 12:34 PM**

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

**1. Approve minutes of March 24, 2022:**

*Motion to approve March 24, 2022 meeting minutes by Ian Neviasser, seconded by Julie Pendleton.*

*Approved: 7-0-1*

**2. Financial Status Report**

- a. March net position decreased ~\$648k due to higher monthly claims; 5 weekly invoices were paid during March vs 4 invoices in Feb
- b. Claims up \$2.9m / 35% YOY.
- c. \$55k in credits received in March will be re-allocated to each member once we receive the breakout from USI.

**3. Marketing – new members:**

- a. ECHMC was represented at CASBO vendor day. East Hampton, Suffield, New Fairfield, Region 8 all expressed interest in exploring ECHMC. Westbrook, and Preston also expressed interest.
- b. EdAdvance shared their practice of adjudication process. Rich Carmelich shared a positive experience. Mike Belden will follow up with EdAdvance
- c. Holly McCalla will request the attorney review on the legality of a separated Goodwin Schools maintaining membership in ECHMC.

**4. Update from Vendors/Anthem Update**

- a. **USI – Opt-In Plans for ECHMC.** Tom will email full explanation of each option. Next meeting Board will vote on options.
  - i. Diabetic coverage →
  - ii. Expands Birth to Three programs –extends the age
  - iii. Carriers explain benefits, and allow covered individuals to elect how the receive EOBs (no cost)
  - iv. Immunization Consultation (20 mins)
  - v. Psychotropic Drugs
  - vi. Utilization Management Review
  - vii. Dental/vision child and/or step child up to age 26 to mirror the medical.

**New State Law:** Insurers must issue healthcare card displaying status of insured or self-insured.

There is still a struggle from Anthem on large claim reports on a monthly basis.

**Annual Renewal Rates: Since December the group is seeing a shift in claims surpassing payments. For consideration, our 8 million dollar in reserve. \$15,200,000. Projecting to bring in \$14,000,000.**

*Motion to decrease allocation rate by 10% Mike Belden, seconded by Ian Nevaizer Approved 7-1-0.*

**Old Business: Selection of state mandates.**

**New Business**

- a. **Agenda setting and format for May 26, 2022—2:30**
  - i. Old Business: Selection of mandates
  - ii. New Business: Strategic Planning

*Motion to adjourn meeting by Julie Pendleton ,seconded by Deb Martin, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM*  
Next Meeting – May 26, 2022 at 10:30AM-1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate Ericson

