

**West Suburban Health Group  
Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM  
Natick Community Senior Center, Natick, MA

**Meeting Minutes**

**Steering Committee Members in Attendance:**

Dan Morgado, Chair	Town of Shrewsbury
Marc Waldman, Board Chair	Town of Wellesley
John Senchyshyn	Town of Wayland
Jerry Lane	Town of Dover
Jim Kern	Town of Dedham
Martha White	Town of Natick

**Guests in Attendance:**

Richard Tranfaglia	Town of Natick
Christine Fowler	Town of Shrewsbury
Donna Lemoyne	Town of Wayland
Bill Chuard	Town of Natick
John Townsend	Town of Natick
William Hickey	Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
Erin Hayes	Tufts Health Plan
Fred Winer	Tufts Health Plan
Joe Anderson	Fallon Health
Julia LeBrun	Fallon Health
Jonathan Payson	Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA

Steering Committee Chair Dan Morgado called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting:**

John Senchyshyn moved to approve the May 8, 2017 minutes as written.

Motion

Marc Waldman seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Presentation on CanaRx services – Chris Collins:**

Dan Morgado introduced Chris Collins from CanaRx.

Chris Collins distributed a handout to the Committee. He reviewed the services that CanaRx provides to clients and reviewed examples of reports and savings for a large Mass. municipal client that uses CanaRx directly without Abacus.

Dan Morgado asked how the drugs available through CanaRx would be determined.

Mr. Collins said that would be totally a WSHG decision. He reviewed optional approaches.

Martha White asked about the downsides to having services provided directly by CanaRx.

Dan Morgado said that Abacus has pharmacists who review the medications.

Chris Collins noted that CanaRx has pharmacists as well.

Marc Waldman indicated that there may be some question about movement of money to pay CanaRx directly.

Chris Collins said that this is not really an issue since CanaRx has a P.O. Box in Detroit, MI. He said payment can be mailed to the P.O. Box or payment can be wired to the US branch of CanaRx's bank.

John Senchyshyn asked if the elimination of Abacus would impact on the legality of the program.

Chris Collins said that not using Abacus does not change any of the legal issues. He said that there has not been a challenge to the legality of the program. He noted that occasionally drugs entering the county are taken for evaluation, but then are either forwarded onto the patient or replaced by CanaRx. He pointed out that almost all name brand drugs are now manufactured abroad.

John Senchyshyn asked how the prescription information gets exchanged between the health plans and CanaRx.

Bill Hickey, Harvard Pilgrim, said that has already been done.

Erin Hayes said that Tufts has to pay its PBM, CVS Caremark, for this information exchange.

Martha White moved to recommend to the Board that the WSHG switch to direct purchasing from CanaRx for the alternative prescription drug program.

Motion

Jim Kern seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Update on Town of Sherborn:**

Dan Morgado asked Marc Waldman to comment on the discussions with Town of Sherborn regarding their past due withdrawal payment.

Marc Waldman reported that he, Carol Cormier, and Atty. Leo Peloquin met with Sherborn's attorney, Darren Klein on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He said claims data including runout claims and other information have been exchanged with the Town. He said that Atty. Klein indicated that the matter was being presented to the Sherborn Select Board on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other business:**

There was no other business.

Motion

Jim Kern made a motion to adjourn.

John Senchyshyn seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Chair Dan Morgado adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

*Prepared by  
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