



## **Executive Committee Minutes**

### **MUNICIPALITIES, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP**

Thursday, January 25, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Glen Hanneman, Kati Bassler, Nikki Herring, Ana Aguillon, Steve McDougall, Ryan Altemeyer, Griselda Ortiz, Yvonne Perez

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Neddie Sarmiento, Executive Director  
Joanne Hilario, Deputy Executive Director  
Julia Hernandez, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Tom Edwards, Keenan & Associates  
Eddie Barfield, Keenan & Associates  
Mignon Strong, Blue Shield  
Brandie Barrows, Taylor English  
Laurena Grabert, SETECH  
Christine Riley, Keenan & Associates  
Noemi Johansson-Miller, Altais  
Claire Tamo, Altais  
Jen Jee, Altais

#### **1. Call to Order**

The President called the regular meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

*Moved by:* Kati Bassler

*Seconded by:* Glen Hanneman

**Yea** Nikki Herring, Kati Bassler, Steve McDougall,  
Griselda Ortiz, Ana Aguillon, Glen Hanneman,  
Ryan Altemeyer, and Yvonne Perez

**Carried 8-0**

**3. Comments from Audience**

**None**

**4. Consent Agenda**

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- 4.1 Approve Regular Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting:  
Regular Meeting November 30, 2023  
Special Meeting November 30, 2023

*Moved by:* Kati Bassler

*Seconded by:* Griselda Ortiz

**Yea** Nikki Herring, Kati Bassler, Steve McDougall,  
Griselda Ortiz, Ana Aguillon, Glen Hanneman,  
Ryan Altemeyer, and Yvonne Perez

**Carried 8-0**

## 5. Action Items

### 5.1 Consider MCOE Awards Donation - Neddie Sarmiento

The Executive Director reported that MCSIG received a sponsorship request from MCOE for their Teacher of the Year and Classified School Employees of the Year Awards annual event. MCSIG has been a sponsor of the event for several years and is honored to continue providing goodwill support to the members of its JPA.

The Executive Committee consensus was to donate at the Diamond Level of \$7,500, which includes recognition of MCSIG's name at the event, several platforms, and four tickets to the event.

*Moved by:* Ana Aguillon

*Seconded by:* Griselda Ortiz

**Yea** Nikki Herring, Kati Bassler, Steve McDougall, Griselda Ortiz, Ana Aguillon, Glen Hanneman, Ryan Altemeyer, and Yvonne Perez

**Carried 8-0**

## 6. Discussion Items

### 6.1 Altais Medical Group Update - Claire Tamo/Naomi Johansson-Miller, Altais

Claire Tamo and Naomi Johansson-Miller of Altais provided an update on the new Altais Medical Group Clinic. The clinic was opened in October 2023, and although it needed a substantial amount of work, they have been working hard with the landlord to finalize everything. Once everything is finalized, Altais will be hosting an Open House. The clinic has seen about 70-75 patients, mostly MCSIG members. Claire Tamo confirmed that they officially have permanent medical staff. However, the clinical staff continues to be on a temporary basis. They have hired a recruitment firm to help recruit permanent clinical staff. The clinic will not be equipped with an in-house lab, patients will be referred to

Labcorp or Quest. Vaccinations that were not already offered will be stocked. To address the concerns of the Executive Committee with the outcome of the last clinic, Claro Tamo informed them that with the new clinic, they would be contracting with other carriers and would be offering services not just to the MCSIG population but also to the rest of the community to make the clinic more viable. However, the clinic will cater to MCSIG and CVT membership. To promote and address the issue with the competition of the old clinic, Altais will be hosting in-district lunch and learns. Altais will be sending direct communication to members to advertise the clinic. The Executive Committee requested an update for their March meeting.

6.2 PPO Select Plan In-Network Project - Neddie Sarmiento/ Tom Edwards, Keenan & Associates

The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that SVH reached out to MCSIG in September 2023 about providing special reduced pricing for maternity bundles and NICU services. As discussions continued, the Executive Director inquired about the potential of offering other services, such as oncology and sleep study services. The Keenan team will conduct claim data analysis of the PPO Select Plan against SVH's proposed reduced rates to determine if MCSIG will incur savings to move forward with the agreement. The implementation is expected to take 60-90 days. Additional information on the analysis, and if the plan is viable will be shared at the February Executive Committee Meeting.

## 7. Reports

7.1 Blue Shield & Wellvolution Reports - Mignon Strong, Blue Shield

Mignon Strong reported on Blue Shield's Medical Utilization and Wellvolution Reports, which will now be provided on a summary basis every month, and the detailed reports will be provided every six months.

Mignon Strong also reported that Blue Shield's Medical Director, Dr. Lawrence, provided her review of the sepsis cases. Dr. Lawrence identified and determined that there was a stronger primary diagnosis that brought the member into the hospital and that sepsis was a result of members' primary diagnosis.

The Executive Committee/Full Board had requested benchmark information for sepsis cases, however, since sepsis is usually a secondary diagnosis Blue Shield was not able to provide any national or regional benchmarks as none exist. However, articles on sepsis subject were provided to the Executive Committee for information.

#### 7.2 Keenan & Experience Reports - Tom Edwards, Keenan & Associates

Tom Edwards of Keenan & Associates reported on the medical, dental and vision experience for the month of December 2023.

The Executive Committee requested MCSIG perform an internal audit of all the high claimants to verify they are eligible to have benefits under MCSIG. The Executive Committee requested to be provided with findings.

#### 7.3 Financial Report - Laurena Grabert, SETECH\*\*

Laurena Grabert of SETECH reported on the financials for December 2023.

#### 7.4 Executive Director Report - Neddie Sarmiento

Neddie Sarmiento reported on the Executive Director's report highlighting the following:

- MCSIG attended KCUSD's Development Day, and their employees were provided with plan comparisons, value-added benefits, and dental and vision benefits.
- The Dependent Verification Audit is in the planning phase with a contracted vendor, BMI.
- MCSIG's executive director and staff attended the CPHCC Conference.

- The Wellness Advisory Committee appreciation Dinner was held in December 2023

## **8. Closing Comments**

Keenan & Associates will provide the Dental Carrier Request For Information (RFI) findings to the Executive Committee at their February meeting.

### **8.1 Comments from EC Members**

The February 22, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting was moved to February 21, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. due to other meeting conflicts.

### **8.2 Date/Agenda Items for Next Meetings**

February 22, 2024 @ 11:30a.m.

### **8.3 Adjournment**

The President adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.