

**Northern Plains Insurance Pool**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2020**

Members Present:

Angela Arlt	Sheila Beermann	Tom Cameron	Dave Hutchison
Brian Jandahl	Mike Kroll	Kristi Lewis	Nancy Meyer

Others Present:

Brice Christensen	Sarah Delaney	April Buse	Kandy Jamison
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**Call to Order.** Chairperson Angela Arlt called the meeting to order at 10:07 am on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of Cherapa Place in Sioux Falls, SD.

**Approve Agenda.** Motion by Kristi Lewis second by Brian Jandahl to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Minutes.** Minutes from January 16, 2020 were reviewed. Motion by Sheila Beermann and second by Brian Jandahl to approve meeting minutes. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Financial Report.** Brice Christensen reviewed the financials for the period ending 1/31/2020. Included was discussion on open accounts receivable, and areas where the process is working to be improved. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Consulting Vendors.** Discussion was held on an outside benefits consultant that inquired about the possibility of working with NPIP. After discussion it was expressed that the board is happy with the relationship with Marsh & McLennan agency and isn't looking at outside consultants.

**Plan Document Update.** Work is currently being done to standardize the Summary Plan Documents between Sanford and Dakotacare, with a target date for a single working plan document to be ready July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Renewal.** Sarah Delaney presented options for the 2020-2021 renewal. Sarah led discussion on the underwriting calculations that were used to formulate the renewal as well as the coming reinsurance renewal. Motion by Dave Hutchison second by Sheila Beermann to recommend member formula to the NPIP Board for the 2020-2021 plan year. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**FY 2021 Budget Recommendation.** A draft budget was reviewed for Fiscal Year 2021. Formal recommendation from the executive board will be done at the 3-17-20 meeting with full approval at the annual meeting on 3-18-20.

**Audit Status.** An update was given that the fiscal year 2019 financial audit is still being worked on. Full reports will be sent to membership as soon as they are available.

**Enrollment Platform.** Discussion was held on moving forward with conversations about introducing an enrollment platform for NPIP members schools. Information was shared from the recent demonstration of the Bussinessolver system. Brice Christensen is still working with outside vendors to vet feasibility.

**Consulting Fee.** Motion by Mike Kroll second by Kristi Lewis to approve a 2% inflationary increase to the Marsh & McLennan Agency consulting fee. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Marketing Update.** Brice Christensen informed the board of conversations he has been having with prospective school districts.

**MMA Update.** Brice Christensen and Sarah Delaney provided an update on current happenings of Marsh & McLennan Agency. Kandy Jamison joined to provide an update to the A+ Better You wellbeing program.

**Adjourn.** Motion by Tom Cameron, second by Brian Jandahl to adjourn. All present voting in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.