

**Washington Vaccine Association
Executive Committee Meeting
June 9, 2022, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (PT)**

I. Attendance. This meeting was conducted solely by webinar. Participating in all or part of the meeting were the following individuals:

<u>Directors:</u>	19	Julia G. Zell, MA., Esq., Executive Director
Chad Murphy, PharmD, Premera, Chair,	20	
Beth Harvey, MD, South Sound Pediatrics,	21	<u>Helms & Company, Inc.</u>
Vice Chair	22	Patrick Miller, MPH, WVA Administrative
Ed Marcuse, MD, Emeritus Professor of	23	Director
Pediatrics, University of Washington, Secretary	24	
John Sobock, MD, Regence, Treasurer	25	<u>Others:</u>
	26	Anne Redman, Esq., Perkins Coie, Outside
	27	Counsel
<u>WVA:</u>		

II. Summary of Actions Taken and/or Recommended

Actions Taken (votes adopted)

- i. To approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.

III. Minutes

Welcome & Introduction

Ms. Zell called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Ms. Zell took attendance and provided a notice of recording.

Calendar Consent Items

After hearing no comments, Ms. Zell asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022, Executive Committee meeting.

Assessment Grid Update

Ms. Zell provided an update on the assessment grid distribution to payers and providers. The Department of Health (DOH) had just completed its provider enrollment process so existing and new providers received the assessment grid in the last week. Approximately 2,000 mailings were distributed, which is 35% more mailings this year than in the previous year.

Direct Care Practices

Ms. Zell framed the issue pending with direct care practices, membership-based provider groups that charge an annual fee for included services and do not accept insurance. These practices have been an area of focus for the WVA because they present with potential leakage as they do not perform the dosage-based assessment process yet are enrolled in the Childhood Vaccination Program. Ms. Zell and Mr. Miller met with the Department of Health (DOH) to determine whether an existing process existed to identify these providers either already enrolled or new enrollees. Currently, the DOH relies on the Office of the Insurance Commissioner OIC list, which is often outdated. Ms. Zell asked for preliminary thoughts from the Executive Committee around the creation of a WVA policy for capturing this information from direct care practices. This discussion will be brought to the WVA Board on June 16, 2022.

Payer Compliance: PR

Ms. Zell discussed ongoing problems with payers imposing patient responsibility for pediatric vaccines. Ms. Zell would like to bring a discussion around payer compliance to the WVA Board Meeting on June 16, 2022. Ms. Zell mentioned that this conversation would center around issues related to patient responsibility and timely

66 filing, specifically focused on co-insurance, co-deductibles where patients are being held accountable for any or
67 all of the WVA assessment.

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69 The public meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m., and the Committee transitioned to Executive Session.

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71 **IV. Executive Session.** Confidential.

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73 **V. Closing.** The meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

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