



## Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board of Trustees

June 30, 2017  
11:00am – 11:30am  
Phone call

### **Board Members Present**

Dennis Schrader, Chair  
Tony McCann, Vice Chair  
Sastry Dhara  
Michelle Gourdine, M.D.  
Al Redmer

Linda Sue Comer  
Ben Steffen  
Ken Apfel

### **Board Members Absent**

Tom Saquella

### **Also in Attendance**

Howard Haft, M.D., MHBE Acting Executive Director; Michele Eberle, MHBE Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Street, Principal Counsel for MHBE; Juliana Bell, Assistant Attorney General for MHBE; Trevor Coe, Assistant Attorney General for MHBE, Michelle Compton, MHBE Procurement Manager; Tara Colton, Executive Director; Seedco, Keith Rasmussen, Vice President, Seedco; Mark Romaninsky, Program Manager, Seedco; Traci Kodeck, Executive Director, Healthcare Access Maryland.

### **Connector Entity Grant Award**

Dr. Howard Haft presented a connector entity award recommendation to award the mid-western region to Health Care Access Maryland (HCAM) and the southern region to Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation (Seedco). Dr. Haft explained the process that took place since the last board meeting wherein an amendment was made to the original RFP modifying and clarifying the scoring methodology, a best and final offer (BAFO) was requested and a new evaluation panel of five was assembled to review the BAFOs, rank the responders and offer a final recommendation to the board. The board discussed the process and merits of the recommendation. Board member Tony McCann made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ben Steffen. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 yeas and 2 nays.

### **Healthy Howard Transition Grant Award**

Michele Eberle presented a transition grant award for Healthy Howard to cover services during the period before the new grant awards are implemented. The current grant award for Healthy Howard expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. Without this transition grant, they will not be able to retain staff and

continue to provide Medicaid enrollments and QHP special enrollment period (SEP) enrollments. The funding requested for this transitional grant will come out of the FY18 budget and will not impact any existing connector entity grant awards. Ms. Eberle explained that both Seedco and HCAM will need time to on-board staff and take over operations in each of the regions. Providing transition funding will allow for a smooth transition to new vendors and continuity in service delivery.

The board discussed the need for the transition grant, the duration of the grant and the amount of funding requested. The board suggested funding \$60,000 and revisiting at the July board meeting the need for additional funding. A motion was made by Al Redmer and seconded by Tony McCann to award a \$60,000 transitional grant to Healthy Howard for a base period of July 1, 2017 – July 30<sup>th</sup>. The vote was unanimous.

With no further discussion, the board chair adjourned the meeting.

