Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust (SVRHT)

Board Meeting

Tuesday June 9, 2026, 9:00 AM
By Remote Participation

Members and Alternates present:

Arlene Miller, Chair	Town of Longmeadow
Dick Patullo	Town of Hampden
Barbara Hancock	Town of Wilbraham
Christina Gagnon	Hampden Wilbraham RSD
Anna Bishop	Lower Pioneer Valley Educ. Collab.
Audra Graham	Town of East Longmeadow

Guests present:

Paul Pasterczyk	SVRHT Treasurer
Marcy Morrison	SVRHT Wellness Consultant
Karen Fink	LPVEC
Claire Kawalec	Town of Longmeadow
Ian Coddington	Town of Longmeadow
Sophia Bletsos	Town of Wilbraham
Megan Emrick-Laskow	Town of East Longmeadow
Gloria Congram	NFP
Heidi Fountain	Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA (BCBS)
Hannah Guertin	Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA (BCBS)
Alysha Beaudry	Abacus Health Solutions
Amy Bickford	Abacus Health Solutions
Lyndsey Bubar	Health New England
Linda Marie Burns	Harvard Pilgrim/Tufts
Cashel Scanlon	Harvard Pilgrim
Lauren McCallum	Harvard Pilgrim
Sandra Ruiz	Health New England
Chris Collins	CanaRx
Jim Riley	CanaRx
Joseph Anderson	Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. (GBS
Patrick Flattery	Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. (GBS)
Jess Clifford	Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. (GBS)
Dan Hayes	Auditor

Arlene Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. The roll was taken with voting attendees listed as:

Arlene Miller, Chair	Town of Longmeadow
Dick Patullo	Town of Hampden
Audra Graham	Town of East Longmeadow
Barbara Hancock	Town of Wilbraham
Christina Gagnon	Hampden Wilbraham RSD
Karen Fink	LPVEC

Approval of the minutes of May 5th, 2026, meeting:

Anna Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5th, 2026 as presented.

Motion

Barbara Hancock advised a small correction to be made on the May 5th minutes. Barbara Hancock seconded the motion.

There was a roll call vote on the motion:

Arlene Miller	Yes
Dick Patullo	Yes
Barbara Hancock	Yes
Anna Bishop	Yes
Audra Graham	Yes

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Financial Reporting

Dan Hayes reviewed the highlights of the audit, stating the Trust's financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. The trust reserves declined in FY25 because of planned use of reserves through the rate-setting process. Dan reported the pharmacy rebates continue to average approximately $1,000,000 annually. The investments remain conservative and consist primarily of Certificates of Deposits. Dan advised member contributions to have increased approximately 1.11% which is due to rate setting, and health claim expenses have increased 4.16% from FY24 to FY25. Dan reported that the group has done well maintaining rates below the medical trend rates. Dan recommended continued periodic claims audits, review of the Wellness Coordinator contract agreement, and continued assessment of internal controls.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Paul Pasterczyk presented the April and May 2026 financial report. At the beginning of April, the group started off with $11.2 million, with trust premiums at $2.1 million. Paul reported there was one Certificate of Deposit in the amount of $757,000 that was liquidated for cash flow purposes. BCBS claims for April were approximately $1.77 million, claims for Health New England $1.4 million, and Harvard Pilgrim were $128,000. To close out the end of April, there is an unreserved fund balance of $3.44 million, leaving a deficiency of $910,000. Paul moved on to say the May reinsurance came in at $193,000. There was a Health New England pharmacy credit of $258,000 in May. Paul reported the May claims activity remained elevated, particularly with BCBS at $1.8 million. There was an additional CD liquidation that was required for cash flow.

GBS Report:

Joseph Anderson reviewed that the Trust operating results continue to reflect elevated claims activity. There is a deficit of approximately $2.4 million that was noted. GLP-1 weight loss medications continue to impact overall claims experience. Joseph reviewed the FY27 stop loss

renewal options. Joe explained the stop loss market remains difficult, with limited carrier participation. Blue Cross Blue Shield submitted the most competitive proposal, where increasing the specific deductible from $250,000 to $275,000 would produce meaningful premium savings while maintaining acceptable risk levels.

Dick Patullo made a motion to renew stop loss coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield and increase the specific deductible from $250,000 to $275,000 for FY27.

Motion

Barbara Hancock seconded the motion.

There was a roll call vote on the motion:

Arlene Miller	Yes
Dick Patullo	Yes
Barbara Hancock	Yes
Christina Gagnon	Yes
Anna Bishop	Yes
Audra Graham	Yes

The motion passed.

Good Health Gateway Report:

Alysha Beaudry presented the diabetes management program. There are 252 members identified with diabetes, 91 members enrolled (with 36% participation), and 68% adherence among enrolled members. Regarding the high-risk population, there are 35 members identified, 22 enrolled. Alysha highlighted that SVRHT participation exceeds national benchmarks, and program adherence significantly exceeds national averages. There have been 515 prescriptions filled through the program, and approximately $11,394 in waived copays. There have been approximately $84,000 in rebates returned to the Trust.

Wellness Report:

Marcy Morrison presented her report. Marcy reviewed that 100 participants have completed the colon cancer screening program. The wellness incentive program for FY25-26 concluded May 31, 2026 and participation data/final reward calculations are being completed. Marcy highlighted the partnership with HealthTrax has received positive feedback regarding fitness challenges and wellness offerings. The wellness newsletters continue to be distributed monthly, and Marcy offered to feature vendor/carrier wellness materials regularly to increase member engagement.

Health plan and vendor reports:

Harvard Pilgrim reported updated member ID cards were issued, and the weight loss drug coverage changes implemented with minimal member disruption.

CanaRx reported approximately $211,000 in prescription savings through the first 11 months of the year, and projected annual savings exceed $230,000.

Other business:

There was no other business.

The Board agreed to hold their next meeting virtually on September 15, 2026 at 9:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

Minutes prepared by Jess Dube
Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.