



## Audit Subcommittee Meeting **MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1B  
Date: Monday, June 11, 2018  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary, Office of Policy and Management; Nancy Navaretta on behalf of Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Commissioner, Department of Mental and Health Addiction Services; Grant Ritter; Cecelia Woods

### **Other Participants:**

Access Health CT (AHCT) Staff: James Michel; Susan Rich-Bye; Pamela Roe

### **Members Absent:**

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman

#### **A. Call to Order and Introductions**

Benjamin Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

#### **B. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Benjamin Barnes requested a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Grant Ritter and seconded by Nancy Navarretta. Cecelia Woods abstained.

***Motion passed.***

#### **C. New Auditors – Blum Shapiro**

James Michel, Director of Finance, provided an introduction of new independent auditors, Blum Shapiro. The Exchange has selected and contracted with them in May. Mr. Michel briefly described the scope of work for new auditors. The new auditing firm is headquartered in West Hartford. They service over 80 customers. Mr. Michel noted that they have an extensive auditing experience. Mr. Michel added that the Request for Proposals (RFP) was conducted in January. Nine respondents expressed their interest in providing auditing services for the Exchange. Blum Shapiro provided the best references along with competitive pricing. Susan Rich-Bye, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs mentioned that Blum and Shapiro are responsible for conducting

the annual financial as well as programmatic audits. Benjamin Barnes added that they are very well known and experienced auditors. Mr. Michel pointed out that new auditors already started working on their assigned projects. Mr. Barnes expressed his confidence that new auditors will provide outstanding services to the Exchange. Grant Ritter inquired about the legislative requirement to switch auditing firms. Ms. Rich-Bye added that new auditors were signed for a three-year contracts and the Exchange cannot have the same company for more than six consecutive years.

#### **D. Adjournment**

Benjamin Barnes requested a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Cecelia Woods and seconded by Grant Ritter. ***Motion passed unanimously.*** Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.