

**FRANKLIN-ESSEX-HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS'
HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM**

JOINT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 25, 2015

LOCATION: Adirondack Educational Center, Saranac Lake

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Andre, Daniel Bower, Thomas Dodd, Nicole Dumas, Loretta Fowler, Natascha Jock, Lisa Spangler, Leonard Sauers, Stephen Shafer, Eric Sharlow, Suzanne Rivers, Alan Tessier, Daniel Tusa, Timothy Whipple, Mimi Volkman, Ellen Yousey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Moody

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Bannon, FEH BOCES
Douglas Grucza, Excellus BC/BS Representative
Lori Hellijas, BOCES Representative
Andy Miller, KBM Representative
Dana Piazza, Capital Region BOCES
Chris Rueg, Express Scripts
Jacob Tolosky, Labor Relations Representative
Jessica Willey, Excellus BC/BS Representative

CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Paul Jadlos stated he would be stepping down as the Employee Representative and Mimi Volkman would be his replacement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Co-Chair Shafer asked for a motion concerning the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting. Dan Bower moved, seconded by Alan Tessier that the minutes be approved.

Yes - 17
No - 0, motion carried

EXPRESS SCRIPT/KEENAN: Implementation Update:
Chris Rueg discussed the implementation of the program. Welcome kits will be sent the second week in December. Letters will go out to members about Smart 90 mailing in mid November. Dana Piazzia suggested that the formulary change could be included in the Welcome Packet. He can supply information that the Consortium can use for payroll stuffers. Two letters will be sent by the Co Chairs for active employees

and the EGWP population to be sent in October. A request was made to have these letters sent with the Welcome Kit. Chris indicated he would check on this and review on the next call.

Chris discussed the Smart90 Plan and the advantages this can offer to members. Rite Aide is the lead Agency for this program. The participating provider list may be included in the letters sent by the Co Chairs. For those members who would like to move the Smart90, they will need a new prescription from their Doctor.

Dan Tusa asked Co Chair Shafer to send the list electronically to the JGB members.

For members to start the mail order prescriptions there are 3 options. Complete Express Scripts Pharmacy Prescription Order Form; process on-line on the website or call a 1-800 phone number. Members should provide their credit card numbers to Express Script as this information will not be rolled over from Caremark.

EGWP Plan

CMS Medicare participants will be getting a Welcome Packet from Express Scripts with a brochure of 130 pages. They will also not be allowed to use the Smart90 Plan due to medicare restrictions.

Chris will check on the Opt Out letter and will send name to Stephanie Bannon for her to disburse accordingly.

Dan suggested that a health insurance clerks meeting should be set up. Stephanie indicated that she had already discussed with Express Scripts for the need to do this by end of November.

Pat Cowburn and Pat Calnon will work with on the Evidence Based Plan being the same as currently have.

KBM REPORT:

Year End Management Report:

Andy Miller is representing Patrick Cowburn today as Pat was not able to attend. Mr. Miller presented the Year-End Management Report for the 2014-15 year and stated that overall it was a good year.

A question was asked on when the subsidy discounts for the Medicare Part D programs would end. Andy indicated he would check on this and get to the group.

CVS Year End Report:

Andy reviewed the annual report for CVS for the period of July 2014 – June 2015.

Co Chair Shafer asked about the cost for the multi-ingredient compounds. He stated that a request for prior authorization was put in place for all compounds over \$500 and he did not recall getting these requests. Andy said he would check on this with Caremark and get back to the group. Request a report for why there was such an increase during these months. At an October 2014 meeting this was approved by the JGB to move forward.

CVS Final and Best Offer:

CVS did come back and present a final offer and KBM felt that moving to Express Scripts was the best decision for the Consortium.

Jessica Willey presented the Health Plan Management Report for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for medical only.

EXCELLUS BC/BS:

Doug indicated that Excellus is looking at health and wellness to help drive down costs. Excellus is also moving forward with Telemed and this may be available to our Consortium in the near future.

Flu Shot Options

Stephanie Bannon indicated that members can use either their BC/BS or Caremark card to obtain their flu shot at no copay. She also indicated that she was working with Tim Whipple in Malone to collaborate for a flu clinic.

**DATE AND AGENDA FOR
FUTURE MEETING:**

The next full JGB Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the North Franklin Educational Center, Malone.

Agenda Items: The Employer Group will be presenting a proposal on enhancing the role of the JGB moving forward

- Express Script Presentation
- KBM Quarterly Report
- Excellus Quarterly Report
- KBM Update on the compound drugs
- Presentation of the letters Co Chairs will be sending

A future meeting was set for February 3, 2016 at the AEC in Saranac Lake for KBM to present the proposals to set the premiums for the 2016-17 school year. Dan Tusa asked to have the figures 2 weeks ahead so he could review with the Presidents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan Bower moved, seconded by Suzanne Shook that the meeting be adjourned.

Yes - 17

No - 0, motion carried

Meeting ended at 12:05 PM

These minutes approved 10/28/15

Stephanie Bannon
Stephanie Bannon, Secretary