

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

JOINT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 21, 2008

LOCATION: Adirondack Educational Center

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Breault, Ronald Burke, Mary Carr, Thomas Dodd, Patricia Dovi, Andrew Draper, Keith Hazen, Robin Jones, Garry Lanthier, Michael Kilroy, Mary Moore, Elizabeth Mosher, Christopher Nye (entered 9:40 AM), Leonard Sauers, Pamela Savard, Stephen Shafer, Kent Walrath, Timothy Whipple (entered 9:40 AM)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Bannon, Secretary
Patrick Calnon, Plan Coordinator
Patrick Cowburn, KBM Account Representative
James Donnelly, Superintendent, Lake Placid CSD
Kelly Hardison, Caremark Account Representative
Dorothy Jacobs, Excellus BC/BS Representative
Celeste Norman, NYSUT Representative
Lisa Stover, Caremark Account Representative

CALL TO ORDER: Co Chairperson Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Co Chairperson Shafer asked for a motion concerning the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting. Robin Jones moved, seconded by Patricia Dovi that the minutes be approved.
Yes - 16
No - 0, motion carried

EXCELLUS BC/BS REPORT: Dorothy Jacobs presented the FEH Health Insurance Consortium Report for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Mary Carr asked how long a participating provider has to submit bills as there was an issue with Alice Hyde Hospital and that the bill had not been sent out until two years later. She also asked if the subscriber would be required to make payment if this was the case. Nancy Allen asked that the information be sent to her and she would research this matter.

CAREMARK REPORT:

Lisa Stover introduced Kelly Hardison who would be replacing Lisa as the Consortium Account Representative for Caremark. Mrs. Stover presented the Prescription Benefit Review Report for the period of July 2007 through June 2008. She discussed several new features available through CVS. However, it was stated that we did not have any CVS pharmacies in our area. Other options were discussed in regards to Specialty Guideline Management and Mail Service Bridge Supply Program to be added to our policy. Lisa also asked if the Consortium would prefer to have the presentation done with charts available. The consensus was they would prefer to have this done in that format. It was also decided that the Consortium would like to have the I Benefit Report mailed to all subscribers as has been done in the past. She stated that information regarding an employees' account can also be found on the Caremark website.

KBM REPORT:

Patrick Cowburn reviewed the 2007-08 Year-End Management Report as well as the August 2008 Claim Watch. He indicated that overall the year ended with a positive budget performance. He also advised the Board that there had been a number of large dollar claims and that a Stop Loss check would be issued soon by Excellus BC/BS.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS:

Co Chair Shafer stated that the following three actions has been approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on June 18, 2008:

1. Premium Rates were set for the Indemnity Plan for 2008-09
2. Approval to sponsor a PPO J Plan. Adding this plan as an option for employees requires local negotiations.
3. Approval to sponsor a High Deductible Plan.

Thomas Dodd requested a caucus at 9:50 AM. Returned at 12:30 PM after lunch was served.

Thomas Dodd stated that he felt the action taken by the Board of Directors was in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding and made a motion that the Joint Governing Board conduct an expedited arbitration to determine if the actions of the Board of Directors was in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding. This was seconded by Keith Hazen.

Co Chair Shafer requested a caucus at 12:45 PM. Returned at 1:05 PM.

Thomas Dodd read the motion again

Yes - 9

No - 9, motion lost

Patrick Calnon asked the JGB if they wanted to take any action on the Caremark requests for Specialty Guideline Management and the Mail Service Bridge Supply Program as there was no cost to the Consortium.

Robin Jones moved, seconded by Patricia Dovi that the JGB ask Caremark to move forward with the Specialty Guideline Management Program and the Mail Service Bridge Supply Program as outlined on Page 23 of the report.

Yes - 18

No - 0, motion carried

Thomas Dodd stated that they were redefining the roles of the Employee Co Chair and at this time they would like to allow for the position to exist but would be vacant for now. Thomas Dodd also indicated that he would be the corresponding contact until this position was filled.

**DATE AND AGENDA FOR
NEXT MEETING:**

Major issues to be discussed at the next meeting scheduled to be held February 25, 2009 at the North Franklin Educational Center is as follows:

- KBM Report (6 Month Management Report)
- Set Premium Rates for 2009-10

ADJOURNMENT:

Christopher Nye moved, seconded by Michael Kilroy that the meeting be adjourned.

Yes - 18

No - 0, motion carried

Meeting ended at 1:15 P.M.

These minutes approved 2/25/09

Stephanie P. Bannon
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