

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

JOINT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

- DATE:** September 27, 2006
- LOCATION:** North Franklin Educational Center, Malone, NY
- KIND OF MEETING:** Regular
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Daniel Bower, Mary Carr, David DeSantis, Dean Dietrich, Patricia Dovi, Patricia Godreau, Paul Harrica, Keith Hazen, Robin Jones (Left at 2:00 P.M.), Michael Kilroy, James Kordziel, Philip LePage (Left at 2:20 P.M.), Mary Bower, Christopher Nye, Kent Walrath, Tim Whipple, Dana Wood
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia Dovi (Entered at 10:22 A.M.)
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Allen, Excellus BC/BS Representative
Stephanie Bannon, Secretary
Patrick Calnon, Plan Coordinator
Patrick Cowburn, KBM Account Representative
Dorothy Jacobs, Excellus BC/BS Representative
Gerry LaMora, Caremark Account Representative
Celeste Norman, NYSUT Representative
Pam Savard, Tupper Lake Employer Representative
Karen Sullivan, NYSUT Representative
Rick Swanston, FEH BOCES Representative
- CALL TO ORDER:** Co Chairperson Bower called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. He noted that Donna Tebo is no longer the Employee Representative for Tupper Lake. Pam Savard attended the meeting but has not yet received final approval as the Employee Representative.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Co Chairperson Bower asked for a motion concerning the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting. Paul Harrica moved, seconded by Philip LePage that the minutes be approved.
Yes - 15
No - 0,
Abstain – 1 (Keith Hazen), motion carried
- EXCELLUS BC/BS REPORT:** Nancy Allen advised the Board that “Timothy’s Law” regarding mental health parity was presently in the assembly awaiting their vote and would then require approval by the Governor to mandate basic mental health benefits. She will update the Board at the next meeting.

Dorothy Jacobs reviewed the Excellus Utilization Report for the plan year 2005-06 and provided a detailed handout to all members showing in depth utilization by plan members.

Patricia Dovi entered 10:22 A.M.

CAREMARK REPORT:

Gerry LaMora presented the Prescription Benefit Review for the period of January 2006 through August 2006. It was stated that the Caremark contract had been renewed for a three-year period commencing on 01/01/07 through 12/31/10.

KBM REPORT:

Patrick Cowburn reviewed the 2005-06 Year-End Management Report. He also indicated that although the year ended better than expected, it is still too early to anticipate what the future may hold.

Mr. Cowburn advised the Board that two bids were received for stop loss coverage and that the contract had been awarded, effective July 1, 2006, to low bidder QBE, an A rated company. He also reported that the specific stop loss deductible had been increased from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Information regarding budget options was presented to the Board.

Meeting suspended at 12:10 P.M. for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

A question regarding immunizations was directed to Nancy Allen to review. Mrs. Allen indicated she would research this matter and send an e-mail to Mary Moore.

**CONSIDERATION OF
OPTIONS FOR BENEFIT
ALTERNATIVE SAVINGS
FOR DRUG PLAN
ADMINISTRATOR
EFFECTIVE 01/01/07:**

Patrick Calnon asked the Board to advise him of any options they would like to have included on a list for alternative savings. Dean Dietrich inquired as to whether or not a triggering event had actually occurred and questioned whether or not design changes should be discussed at this time

The Employee Group requested a caucus at 1:25 P.M.
They returned at 1:55 P.M.

Dean Dietrich advised the Board that it was not his intention in his previous statement to not discuss design plan changes. He stated he would like a breakout of the employees cost share for medical expenses versus the premium district expense for the last seven years.

Robin Jones left at 2:00 P.M.

Philip LePage left at 2:20 P.M.

Discussion regarding the coverage for emergency room visits also took place. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Major issues to be discussed at the next meeting tentatively scheduled to be held on October 26, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at the Adirondack Educational Center is as follows:

- Excellus BC/BS Report (Possible Plan Design Changes)
- Caremark Report
- KBM Report (Updated Financial Information)
- Preliminary list of Plan Design Changes that may be Considered

Tentative meeting dates were also scheduled for:

November 16, 2006 (North Franklin Educational Center)

December 13, 2006 (Adirondack Educational Center)

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Kilroy moved, seconded by Tim Whipple that the meeting be adjourned.

Yes – 13

No - 0

Abstain - 1 (Keith Hazen), motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

These minutes approved

10/26/06

Stephanie P. Bannon

Stephanie P. Bannon, Secretary