

**West Suburban Health Group
Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Natick Senior Community Center
Natick, MA

Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Peter Hoagland, Chair	Town of Sherborn
Marc Waldman, Board Chair	Town of Wellesley
Dan Morgado	Town of Shrewsbury
Elizabeth Dennis	Town of Needham
John Senchyshyn	Town of Wayland
Mary Beth Bernard	Town of Westwood

Guests in Attendance:

Ruth Hohenschau	WSHG Treasurer
Jim Johnson	Town of Walpole
William Hickey	Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
Carol Cormier	Group Benefits Strategies

Chair, Pete Hoagland, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting:

John Senchyshyn moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Steering Committee meeting.

Motion

Dan Morgado seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

FY15 Health Plan Rate Projections:

Marc Waldman said that South Middlesex RSD (SMRSD) is entering the second year of WSHG membership and the agreement was to charge SMRSD the unsubsidized rates for the first two years of membership.

John Senchyshyn said he favored holding to the agreement since other units have been held to that arrangement.

Dan Morgado moved to charge South Middlesex RSD the unsubsidized health plan rates on Scenario C for FY15. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion

Carol Cormier explained the basis of a new funding scenario – Scenario C-3. She said she found an error on the Network Blue plan rates as previously presented and said she corrected the error. She said Scenario C-3 is based on Scenario C, which is funding using the lower of two rate projections, i.e. the carrier *versus* the GBS projections. She said that she applied \$2 million of fund balance to the Scenario as requested by the Committee in order to reduce the funding rates and use up an additional amount of the fund balance that is over the targeted range.

John Senchyshyn told the Committee how Scenario C-3 might affect his town.

There was a discussion.

Dan Morgado moved to recommend FY15 Funding Scenario C-3 with subsidized rates to the Board.

Motion

Marc Waldman seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other Business:

Dan Morgado said he thinks the WSHG would do better if it offered fewer plans.

There was a discussion about the GIC and its attempts to reduce medical trend through pushing for more cost effective contracts between health plan organizations and the providers.

Dan Morgado asked if contracts negotiated as a result of the GIC's goals benefit just the GIC or other employers as well.

Bill Hickey, Harvard Pilgrim, said his organization does not have separate provider contracts for the GIC and that all employers benefit.

Dan Morgado pointed out that with the WSHG's movement to EGWP Medicare plans for January 1, 2014 the WSHG senior plan rates are lower than those of the GIC.

There was no other business.

John Senchyshyn moved to adjourn the meeting.

Betty Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Pete Hoagland adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

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