

MINUTES OF THE CAPE COD MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP

Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 9:00 AM

Barnstable County Offices
Mary Pat Flynn Conference Room
3195 Main St. Barnstable, MA 02630

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group ("CCMHG") was held on February 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Barnstable County offices at 3195 Main St Barnstable, MA 02630.

Steering Committee members present:

Erin Orcutt, Steering Committee Chair
Noreen Mavro Flanders, Board Chair
Robert Whritenour
Debra Blanchette
Laurie Barr
Susan Wallen
Michael MacMillan
David Flynn
TK Menesale
Beth Deck

Cape Cod Regional Tech
County of Dukes County
Town of Yarmouth
Town of Barnstable
Town of Eastham
Nauset RSD
Monomoy RSD
Dennis Yarmouth RSD
Hyannis Fire District
Cape Cod Collaborative

Guests Present:

Rich Bienvenue, CPA
Kathy Logue
Susy Holmes
Caroline Burnham
Lauren McCallum
Bob Kademian, RPh
Joseph Anderson
Marianna Gil
Karen Quinlivan

CCMHG Treasurer
Town of West Tisbury
Barnstable County Retirement
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA (BCBSMA)
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
PBIRx
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Erin Orcutt, Steering Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

FY24 Active Renewal Rate Calculations:

Joe Anderson went through the renewal scenarios that were requested by the Steering Committee at the last meeting. The first illustration Scenario C was a 5% composite increase. Scenario D was an increase of 5% for Master Health Plus, 4% for Benchmark Plans and 2% for High Deductible plans. That scenario would use an additional \$10.5M in Trust. Scenario E displayed 5% for MHP, 3.5% for Benchmark and 1.5% for High deductible plans. That scenario would use an additional \$11.2M in Trust. Scenario F illustrates 5%, 3% and 1% respectively using \$11.9M in Trust.

Bob Whritenour said that the Committee was planning on possibly using \$10M in Trust and Scenario D might be the best scenario.

Michael MacMillan asked about dental.

Joe Anderson said that the projection was to keep rates the same and the annual benefit maximum would be raised to \$1,500.00.

Kathy Logue said that she would rather leave the premium in the future but take the benefit maximum even higher to use up dental fund balance.

Susan Wallen said that on the lower Cape there are dentists that are opting out and making people pay and submit the bill for reimbursement to Delta.

Joe Anderson said that he would have a conversation with Nina Conroy on contracting trends. An RFI with Geo Access can be requested.

Bob Whritenour dental has always been level and asked what the downside of lowering rates would be.

Joe Anderson said that the benefit maximum increase would have an 8% increase, or \$400,000 more. It is something that can be looked at going forward but the benefit increase won't take place until July. Further study can better inform a decision going forward.

Noreen Mavro-Flanders motioned to recommend to the Board scenario D for FY24 rates with a 3.8% composites increase of 5% for Master Health Plus, 4% for Benchmark plans and 2% for High Deductible plans. Dental would hold at a zero% increase.

Motion

Susan Wallen seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Joe Anderson asked if they would like for the entire rating process to be explained at the Board meeting.

Debra Blanchette said that it has always been done in the past and it would be helpful for those newcomers to understand the process behind the decision making.

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Other Business:

There was no other business.

Noreen Mavro- Flanders motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion

Michael MacMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chair, Erin Orcutt, adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM.

*Minutes prepared by Karen Quinlivan
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