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**Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium
Board of Directors MINUTES
June 24, 2010
Old Jail Conference Room
Agenda ******

Final

Approved 7/22/10

1. Approve May 2010 Minutes VOTE
2. Union Consent Letter
3. Reserves

****Disclaimer: While these items have been discussed, NONE of them have been voted on or finalized. All plans are in the DRAFT phase.*

Present:

Municipalities:

City of Ithaca - Steve Thayer, Town of Caroline - Don Barber, Town of Danby, Town of Dryden - Mary Ann Sumner, Town of Ithaca - Judith Drake, Village of Cayuga Heights – Norma Manning, Village of Groton - Elizabeth T. Conger, County of Tompkins – Anita Fitzpatrick, Herb Masser, Village of Trumansburg - Rordan Hart, City of Ithaca – Carolyn Peterson, Town of Danby – Laura Shawley

Union:

CSEA - Chantalse Demarco, President TC3 PAA - Darlene Finn

In attendance:

County Finance - David Squires, Ithaca Journal - Stacy Shackford

Welcome Agenda

Chair Don Barber called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

1. May 2010 Minutes

The Board of Directors reviewed the minutes and made several revisions. The Board will vote on the May minutes at the July meeting.

2. Union Consent Letter

There was a discussion regarding bargaining units/unions and how their presence is reflected in

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Section W of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement. The language should be consistent with the language of the union consent letter. The board discussed a letter written by Mr. Greg Stevenson, president of the City's firefighters' union, which expresses opposition to the existence of the Consortium. It was pointed out that the representative from NYSID indicated that if the majority of unions indicated support for the Consortium, then the NYSID would be satisfied. Ms. DeMarco expressed optimism that the CSEA units would likely show support. The County, City, and Town of Ithaca were reminded to seek all other letters of support from their union officials.

The following language was presented to add to section W of the Municipal Cooperative Agreement:

No findings or recommendations made by the Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design or by the Chair of the Joint Committee shall be considered a waiver of any bargaining rights under any contract, law, rule, statute, or regulation.

Moved by : Mary Ann Sumner, Seconded by Laura Shawley – passed unanimously.

3. Reserves

Mr. Barber distributed a document that Assemblyperson Joe Morrelly and Assemblyperson Barbara Lifton are attempting to work on with the NYSID. The document calls for revisions to Article 47 in effort to make it easier for other municipalities to establish a health consortium.

Mr. Barber also discussed the Capitalization worksheet that establishes each municipality's pay in to reserves that must be in place for start up. Since the amounts can be distributed over 5 years, a couple of municipalities pledged that option. However, some municipalities are able to pay more than their share of reserves; they would be paid back first once adequate reserves are in place.

The final amounts agreed upon will be delivered to NYSID for approval.

On a final note, it was suggested to send an updated application with the capitalization sheet to NYSID for them to consider as the complete application.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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