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Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2009 Noon
Village of Cayuga Heights - Village Hall

Present:
City of Ithaca - Carolyn Peterson, County of Tompkins - Anita Fitzpatrick, Town of Caroline - Don Barber, Town of Danby - Laura Shawley, Town of Dryden - Mary Ann Sumner, Town of Enfield -), Town of Groton - Glenn Morey, Town of Ithaca - Judith Drake, Town of Ulysses - Richard Coogan, Village of Cayuga Heights - Jim Gilmore, Village of Dryden - Charles Becker, Village of Groton – Chuck Rankin, Village of Trumansburg - A. Martin Petrovic

Excused:
Town of Enfield - Herb Masser

Guests:
Locey & Cahill - Steve Locey, Locey & Cahill - David M Sanders, County Administration - Joe Mareane, Jackie Kippola, County Finance - David Squires, TC3 - Sharon Dovi, CSEA - Margaret Lloyd, County Blue Collar - Chris Parker

Agenda**

1. Approval of 2010 Budget (vote)

2. Approval of PPO Plan (vote)

3. Approval of Indemnity Benefit Plans (vote)

Welcome and Review Agenda
Chair Don Barber called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

1. Approval of 2010 Budget (vote)
The Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors, reviewed and questioned with great detail the 2010 budget at the September 24th meeting. Several questions arose concerning cost and expense over the first three months, while the reserves were developing.

The Internal Coordinator line-item was questioned, not as a need, but at what capacity. Mr. Locey provided a hypothetical situation. If a municipality received three phones calls from their retirees about a particular issue or concern, the municipally would than contact the Internal Coordinator who would either provide the appropriate information or contact either the (Third Party Administrator) TPA Excellus BCBS or the Consortium Consultant in order to ensure that their issues are resolved.

Approval of 2010 Budget

Motioned by Judy Drake
Second by Richard Coogan
Carried Unanimously

2. Approval of PPO Plan (vote)

Relation and authority was questioned as it pertained to Benefits. Mr. Locey ensured the BOD that the Benefit Plans are independent of Excellus BCBS. They can't be changed by the Insurance Company. The Consortium files with The State of New York, not Excellus BCBS.

Approval of PPO Plan
Motioned by Charles Becker
Second by A. Martin Petrovic
Carried Unanimously

3. Approval of Indemnity Benefit Plans (vote)

Approval of Indemnity Benefit Plans
Motioned by Glen Morey
Second by Carolyn Peterson
Carried Unanimously

Other
What if something is not available within the Consortium structure?
The municipality can still provide additional benefits outside the Consortium's offerings, but at their own risk, all claims associated with that additional benefit will be subject to the single entity, not the group as a whole.

Consortium's Chief Fiscal Officer
Mr. Locey provided the BOD a memorandum on the election of the Chief Financial Officer. Comparing the Municipal Cooperative Agreement's (MCA) current language and proposed revised language. The revised version solves two issues, one helping the Consortium provide the most qualified person for the position, following the Nominating Committee's recommendations, and second is compliant with New York State Laws and Regulations. Essentially, the revised language would allow the BOD to choose from director OR alternates when selecting a Chief Fiscal Officer, thus permitting the appointment of the City Controller as CFO.

Process for Requesting a New Benefit Plan.
What if a municipality requests new plan?

The Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors would review the plan, and then look at cost and risk factors. The Board of Directors votes to offer or not offer the plan as one of its menu items.

Next Meeting
October 22, 2009 at 5:30, location Town of Ithaca - Town Hall