



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
LABOR MANAGEMENT HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED ON OCTOBER 18, 2016

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2016
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St. Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members Present: Chris Alix, Astrid Berkson, Donna Blumer, Debbie Heiser, Barb Doyle-Little, Tea Jones, Barb Mann, Matt McCallister, Michelle Mennenga, Betty Murphy, John Naese, Tami Ogden, Dwayne Roelfs and Rick Snider

Committee Members Absent: Brent Frye Stan Harper, Josh Jones, Angela Lusk, and Josh Reifsteck

County Staff: Tammy Asplund (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: None

Call to Order

Mr. Snider called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2016 Meeting

There was a Motion by Ms. Little to approve the September 20, 2016 meeting minutes from the Labor Management Health Insurance Committee; seconded by Mr. Roelfs. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Discussion

Ms. Heiser began with a discussion of facility fees with the current Health Alliance plan. Health Alliance waives the facility fee charged by Carle if the visit is strictly a discussion (no equipment or supplies used during the visit). Under the Aetna plan, every Carle visit would be charged a facility fee (which would be applied to the deductible). This is true for any facility which uses PBB (Provider Based Billing). She explained this is result of the ACA (Affordable Care Act). Legislation reduced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements received by hospitals. To recoup these lost dollars, hospitals made physicians and clinics an outpatient department of the hospital and began charging an “R Code, or Revenue Code”, or “facility fee.” Ms. Heiser stated she believes in the future most, if not all, hospitals will bill in this way.

Several committee members stated those they represent have expressed concern over the switch to Aetna. There was discussion on the percentage of employees that will be impacted by the change to Aetna. Mr. Snider stated 40% of County employees who are insured currently have \$0 in annual claims.

The group also discussed the budget impact of the Health Alliance and Aetna plans. Ms. Heiser handed out the comparison (cost) between the \$2000 deductible plans from both; which was previously provided in September.

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Ms. Heiser called Mr. Malachowski to ask for clarification regarding facility fees. According to Health Alliance, in 2016, approximately 40% of the cases where a facility fee COULD be charged, it was waived. He has asked Health Alliance to provide the details (data) regarding this statistic. He also confirmed that Carle would not agree to a facility fee waiver with Aetna. This is a result of the contractual agreement between Health Alliance and Carle.

There was discussion about the timeline for County Board acceptance of the committee's recommendation. Mr. Snider stated open enrollment is planned for November. The County Board must address this at the October meeting. The resolution requires 75% of the committee membership vote to make a change to the recommendation.

The committee discussed opportunities for education of employees regarding improving health care consumerism.

Other Business
None

Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Mr. Snider adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.