

Thursday, February 18, 2016: EASTCONN ECHIP Board Meeting held at the EASTCONN Central Office, 376 Hartford Turnpike (Route 6), Hampton, CT.

Present:

Paula Colen, EASTCONN  
Beth Bauer, Coventry  
Suzanne Waterhouse, Tolland  
Ron Lussier, Plainfield  
Steve May, Milliman  
Steve Wapen, EASTCONN

William Hull, Putnam  
Robert Carroll, Coventry  
Mike Wilkinson, Tolland  
Kelly Vachon, Plainfield  
Larisa Carr, ECHIP  
John Baskowski, EASTCONN

EASTCONN Staff Present: Tricia Costa

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by William Hull.
2. Approval of minutes:
  - a. MOTION: Mike Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting.
  - b. SECOND: Paula Colen
  - c. VOTE: Unanimous
3. Additions to the agenda: No additions.
4. Executive Committee Update:
  - a. Brooklyn and Lisbon will not be joining the collaborative at this time. For the future, protocols will be in place to avoid shopping rates in the future, where an entity will have to appeal as to what has changed for them to want to join, if applying multiple times.
  - b. A discussion has to be had in the future in terms of growth and how we want to grow as a collaborative. In this discussion, marketing and goals should also be approached.
  - c. The investment committee is investing \$3.5 million into a laddering strategy series of accounts. Doing this will ensure that we are consistently decreasing the volatility of our accounts, as well as effectively utilizing rates.
5. Cigna's Account Management Team presented a Cigna update, as well as Cigna's dental plan.
6. Student Accident Insurance: presentation pushed to May.
7. ECHIP Administrative Update:
  - a. Steve May distributed a packet on the CT Partnership Plan and explained how it is not cost effective. This plan makes it difficult to know what your medical expenses actually are. This plan is focused more on how to save money today rather than long term. It is a state average cost, so it is not necessarily fair to everyone.
  - b. The Executive Committee has had previous discussions about becoming our own stop loss provider – there are no plans or decisions at this time. All towns would pay into this stop loss deductible at different levels, becoming their own provider.
  - c. Broker commissions are being paid on an annual basis. Larisa took over for this year, and this fiscal year will be paid in May. A handout was given showing the breakdown.
8. Wellness Committee Update: EASTCONN has a live healthy cooking demonstration, as well as a sleep study coming up this month. Other towns are continuing with yoga and other initiatives. More information will be shared in May.
9. Adjournment:
  - a. MOTION: Paula Colen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15.
  - b. SECOND: Suzanne Waterhouse
  - c. VOTE: Unanimous