

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017: **EASTCONN ECHIP Board Meeting** held at the EASTCONN Central Office, 376 Hartford Turnpike (Route 6), Hampton, CT

**Executive Committee Meeting:**

**Present:**

Steve May, Milliman	Amanda Backhouse, Coventry
Larisa Carr, EASTCONN	William Hull, Putnam
Paula Colen, EASTCONN	Kelly Vachon, Plainfield
Steve Werbner, Tolland	John Elessor, Coventry
Nancy Cole, Putnam	Mike Wilkinson, Tolland
Brian Cuddeback, CIGNA	Ron Lussier, Plainfield
Bob Carroll, Coventry	Suzanne Waterhouse, Tolland
Ken DiPietro, Plainfield	

EASTCONN Staff present: Carol Klemyk, Executive Assistant, John Baskowski - CFO, Gary Mala

**1. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by Steve Werbner.**

**2. Approval of minutes:**

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>William Hull moved to approve the minutes from the May 2017 meeting.</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Paula Colen</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	<b>None</b>

**3. Additions to the Agenda:** No Additions

**4. CIGNA Update - Brian Cuddeback**

Brian talked about personalization, affordability and Annual Preventative Exams; especially around “new annual exam protocols.” Brian stated that he would review these topics and get back to the group. Brian will be sending handouts with regard to these issues to Larisa. One other topic that Brian talked about was the “opioid epidemic in Connecticut” and how CIGNA is involved in the drive to address this situation; they are involved in a massive initiative with first responders. Discussion followed.

**5. House Bill No. 6221 - Public Act No. 17-165**

Steve May discussed this Act concerning recovery of payments from collateral sources by a municipality with a self-insured health plan. It allows municipalities to go after what they paid out in benefits for that person that won a law suit.....over \$15,000. Employees must be made aware of this law. Discussion followed and the group decided that a generic letter should be sent to all employees explaining this. The panel decided to wait until after December 1<sup>st</sup> to give time to let the unions know that this is letter will be forwarded. Larisa will work with Bill Hull on drafting a letter from ECHIP that will be forwarded to all employees.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Kelly Vachon moved to send letter to employees</b>
<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Suzanne Waterhouse</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

**6. ECHIP Administrative Update**

Larisa and Steve May distributed the bank account document. The group decided that they would like to see a monthly illustrations attached to the bank balances.....a graph to show where ECHIP is as a group. Also include a report for 24 months - create two graphs - to see where they are now compared to last year.

The commission billing arrived late this month.....the fees are the same.....Larisa will send out a sheet that shows all the commission information.

Larisa has been “on the road”. She was at EdAdvance which is in Litchfield County. They are working with their brokers to either put their own consortium together or to join an existing one.

Steve and Larisa also met with Bolton, Union and Thompson. Discussion followed around what the impact and implications could be if ECHIP continues to expand its base to include other districts and affiliations.

Larisa has been receiving very strong quotes on long term, universal life and student accident insurances. The group decided that going out to bid for all of these is the way to go. The group also decided that EE paid long term care and life is not good to continue exploring at this time. Larisa will continue to get quotes and will present the full information at the next meeting.

Wellness Committee will be sending a letter introducing the wellness coordinator .....the official launch will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup>.....it will be an ECHHIP wide initiative. The group discussed performance goals for the coordinator moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Klemyk  
Executive Assistant - EASTCONN