HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES July 12, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by Tom Woodruff:

Attendance:

Labor	State Comptroller Administrative Staff
Carl Chisem – CEUI	Josh Wojcik
Dan Livingston – SEBAC	Peggy Haering
Dave Glidden – CSEA	Thomas Woodruff
Alfredo Camargo – A&R	
Jody Barr – Council 4	
C. Michael White - UCPEA	Presenters
	Bernie Slowik – OSC
Management	Rae-Ellen Roy – OSC
Gregory Messner	Betsy Nosal - OSC
	Consultants
Dept. of Insurance	Terry DeMattie, Segal

Public Comment:

No public comment

Partnership 2.0

As of July 1, 2021 there are 150 groups enrolled totaling almost 26,000 employees and over 63,000 members with one confirmed partial group joining on August 1, 2021 and one small full group joining on September 1, 2021.

In addition, there are 94 groups who completed their three-year contract commitment under Partnership and had the option of leaving the plan without an early termination penalty. To date, no group has left Partnership 2.0.

July 1, 2021 in Partnership 1.0, there remain five groups remaining totaling approximately 2,400 employees and just under 3,400 members.

Financials:

The active health appropriation is expected to close better than anticipated, by approximately \$3.5M, with the appropriation balance closing at \$40.5M after scheduled holdbacks which, bring the deficit to \$14.4 M. Decrease in deficit is due to closing out of fringe benefit transfers for UCONN and Board of Regents, which didn't fulfill the full fringe benefit amount anticipated.

FAD accounts are working their way toward reserve balances, updated rate starting July 1 will bring reserve balances to the full reserve necessary for 45-day claims runout value. The Retiree health appropriation is expected to close the year at \$98.6M, with adequate funds to cover the entire holdback and will close the year at approximately \$18.6M. The health OPEB FAD accounts on the retiree side are working toward reserve balance, with Anthem claims having come in slightly higher on the retiree side but are working toward the necessary reserve to cover claims runout.

Communications Update:

Open Enrollment and Health Benefits survey were distributed during the month of June, member reach was reviewed and discussed.—The volume of member engagement and participation continues; reflective of the number of Care Compass digital and social ads and email communications in the month. Care Compass website activity was also reviewed, 9,000 unique visitors noted in the month of June.