



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
HEALTHCARE POLICY & BENEFIT SERVICES DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

**HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order by Tom Woodruff:

**Attendance:**

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

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Partnership:**

As of June 1, 2021, there are 142 groups enrolled in Partnership 2.0, totaling approximately 25,000 employees and over 59,500 members.

There are 8 confirmed groups joining for July 1, 2021, which totals approximately 1,500 new employees and 3,500 members. These groups are:

- Bolton Town & BOE
- Canterbury Public Schools
- Columbia Town & BOE
- Harwinton Town
- Thompson BOE
- Thompson Town
- West Hartford Town
- West Haven BOE

As of June 1, 2021, there are 67 groups who have completed their 3-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.

As of June 1, 2021, five groups remain in Partnership 1.0, totaling approximately 2,400 employees and just under 3,400 members.

### **Financials:**

The active health appropriation is showing slight improvement of about \$3.9-million over the prior month. This is the result of a fringe benefit adjustment processed for the BOR agencies. The account is forecasted to end the year with a balance prior to any holdbacks of \$36.43 million. The active medical and prescription FAD accounts are still showing gains toward building the necessary IBNR reserve balances and are projected to end the year with balances totaling \$166.7 million. The retiree health appropriation is also showing an improvement of approximately \$4.9 million. This is a reflection of the updated payroll deduction rates scheduled to be taken from the June 30, 2021 pension check for July 2021 health coverage. The account is forecasted to end the year with a balance after holdbacks of \$13.97 million. While claims did come in slightly higher in the last month the retiree OPEB/FAD medical and prescription accounts are still holding balances near the necessary IBNR reserve balances and are projected to end the year with balances totaling \$181.5 million.

### **Communications Update:**

A series of email communications were sent to health plan members that covered a host of topics including dental coverage, Blue Care Prime Plus POS, Health Navigator and other open-enrollment topics.

The planned member communications schedule for June and July were also reviewed. Topics included an open enrollment survey to employees to better understand their experience and gauge their need, and efforts being made to deliver communications that focus on important education and health program information such as COVID vaccinations, new initiatives, behavioral health and wellness.