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INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 3, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Peter Filosa, Chairman, Mary Carlson; Steven DaCruz; Patrick Evans; Jacqueline Gorman; Mary Frances Best; Dawn Naff; Leslie Pettinari; John Mainini Jr. for Dana Tessicini; Kara Geromini; Brian Boyle Jr., Health Care Consultant; Kelly Capece, Ex-Officio; Lena McCarthy, guest; Marie “Toni” Gigliello, guest. ABSENT: Michael Jones Cherie Peterson

Quorum Present: Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Peter Filosa

MINUTES:

Mary C. made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/07/17 meeting. – Second by Leslie P. Vote taken was unanimous- motion approved.

Mary C. made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/21/17 meeting. – Second by Leslie P. Vote taken was unanimous- motion approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE (Medex II/Blue MedicareRx):

Kelly C. introduced Lena M. and Toni G. to the Committee, who both had asked to attend an IAC meeting to voice concerns. Toni G. spoke of concern as to the cost of the PDP plan. Lena M. spoke in opposition of the copayment that was added to the Medex II plan on January 1, 2017.

Brian B. distributed a worksheet with the renewal rates provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Medex II/Blue MedicareRx plan for 2018, and by Tufts Health Care for the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO plan. Brian explained that BCBS submitted a rate for 2018 of \$319.46 per month, which is a 0.03% decrease from our current rate. He explained that part of the reason for the decrease was for a product-wide formulary change BCBS was implementing for 2018. Copies of the formulary drug change list was provided by BCBS, and distributed to Committee members. Kelly C. stated that the Benefits Department will be including the list in a mailing to current Medex members in October.

VOTE:

Mary C. made a motion to approve the renewal rate of \$319.46 per month submitted by Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Medex II/Blue MedicareRx plan for 2018. – Second by Leslie P. – Vote taken was unanimous – motion approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE (Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO):

Brian B. stated that Tufts Health plan submitted a renewal for the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO plan of \$325.50 per month, which is a 5.85% increase to our current rate. Brian contacted Paula Giokas at Tufts Health Plan and asked if she could also provide an alternative plan structure, increasing the Rx copay tiers to match the copay tiers of the Blue MedicareRx plan, to see if it would be offered at a lower renewal rate. That alternative plan had a renewal rate of \$319.50, which is a 3.90% increase over our current rate. After discussion, the Committee didn't feel that changing the plan structure at this time would provide the plan with a comparable savings.

VOTE:

Patrick E. made a motion to approve the renewal rate of \$325.50 per month at the current plan structure submitted by Tufts Health Plan for the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO plan for 2018. – Second by Dawn N. – Vote taken was unanimous – motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mary C. to adjourn meeting. – Second by Mary Frances B. - Vote taken was unanimous – Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kelly A. Capece