

HEALTHY AND WELL KIDS IN IOWA (*hawk-i*)
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

June 22, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS:

Susan Salter, Chair (absent)
Julie McMahon, Vice-Chair*
Charlotte Burt (for Judy Jeffrey)*
Angela Burke Boston (for Susan Voss)*
Jim Yeast*
John Baker*
Wanda Wyatt-Hardwick*

LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Senator Amanda Ragan*
Senator James Seymour *
Representative Gerald Jones (absent)
Representative Mary Mascher (absent)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Anita Smith

GUESTS:

Nancy Lind*
Lynn Tague*
Diane Schroeder*
Diane Morrell*

AFFILIATION:

John Deere Health
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa
Delta Dental
Iowa Foundation for Medical Care

** Participated via conference call*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*) Board met on Wednesday, June 22, 2005. The meeting was held in the 5th Floor Conference Room NE, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E Walnut, Des Moines, Iowa. Julie McMahon, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. McMahon asked the guests to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18 AND MAY 16, 2005, MEETINGS:

John Baker made a motion to approve the April 18, 2005, and May 16, 2005, meeting minutes as written. Angela Burke Boston seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL:

A summary of the contract discussion from the June 20, 2005, Board meeting was furnished in advance to the Board members.

Wellmark

Ms. Smith indicated that this is a new contract for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. This contract is essentially the same as the contracts in past years, with a few technical changes. The per member per month premium is increased to \$176.13, reflecting the 3.9% increase that the Board approved at an earlier meeting. The rate is on page 15 of the contract.

John Baker made a motion to approve the Wellmark contract. Charlotte Burt seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

John Deere

Ms. Smith said that this is an amendment to the existing contract. At their May meeting the Board was told that John Deere was recontracting with all of their providers and at that time there were outstanding issues with Iowa Health Systems which includes Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, St. Lukes in Cedar Rapids, and Methodist, Blank, and Lutheran Hospitals in Des Moines. John Deere was able to successfully recontract with those providers and they are included in their provider network. This means that rate increase for John Deere is a statewide rate of 8%. The monthly per member per month rate will be \$160.16 for members with health and dental coverage and \$143.36 for health only coverage. This amendment also contains some technical changes to the contract relative to business partner agreements, and encounter data.

Jim Yeast indicated that there was a major change in the Dubuque area with John Deere and a provider. Mr. Yeast said he has talked with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and found that the majority of clients were able to switch to another provider without too much difficulty. VNA would like more information from health plans when a client drops off the rolls, but they have been told that this is confidential information. VNA would like to follow up more quickly with clients when they are dropping off of *hawk-i*. Mr. Yeast asked if anything could be done to facilitate conversations.

Ms. Smith responded that this has been an ongoing issue. Several years ago the Attorney General's Office advised that the Department of Human Services cannot provide lists of clients. Outreach contractors have requested a list of clients whose enrollment was expiring or who had dropped off the rolls so they could contact them. The Attorney General's office has said that was a prohibited practice and the Department could not provide names. Ms. Smith said that this is one of the reasons the Department is having MAXIMUS conduct the disenrollment survey. The Department has suggested to outreach workers that if they have helped a family enroll in the program and they want to follow up later, they should have the family sign a release that gives the outreach worker permission to contact the Department for this information.

John Baker made a motion to approve the amendment to the John Deere contract. Wanda Wyatt Hardwick seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

Delta Dental

This is an amendment to their current contract. Delta Dental had requested a 4% increase in January, however, the Department was reluctant to support any increase at this time because there was so little experience. The per member per month rate will remain at \$15.94. The Department did indicate they were willing to revisit the rate increase request this fall when more claims experience is available. This amendment reflects this.

John Baker made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Delta Dental. Jim Yeast seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

Iowa Foundation for Medical Care

Ms. Smith explained that this contract is from the Request for Proposal and contains the provider network analysis, the functional health assessment survey, encounter data analysis, and medical chart reviews. The payment terms can be found on page 5 of the contract. This is a three-year contract that begins July 1, 2005. There are two one-year extension options in the contract.

Charlotte Burt made a motion to approve the contract with Iowa Foundation for Medical Care. Wanda Wyatt Hardwick seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

Department of Public Health Contract Extension

Ms. Smith said that this is for a one-year extension to the current contract with the Department of Public Health for outreach services. Approval would extend this contract until June 30, 2006, at which time a new contract would have to be let.

John Baker made a motion to approve the one-year extension to the contract with the Department of Public Health. Jim Yeast seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was made by Julie McMahon, Charlotte Burt, Angela Burke Boston, Wanda Wyatt Hardwick, Jim Yeast, and John Baker.

John Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Yeast seconded the motion.