

WFCA HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The WFCA Health Care Committee held a regular meeting on Friday, January 25, 2013 at the state association office in Olympia, Washington.

Members present: Chair Jack Hensley (Spokane 4), Jerry Bragg (Chelan 5), Gene Carmody (Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue) and Brad Langdell (Walla Walla 5).

Also present: Tina Vasen (TPSC), Gary Baldrige, Wade Symons, Barb Wills (Mercer), Jim Lux, Roger Ferris and Nora Eyllenfeldt (WFCA).

Chair Hensley called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeding with introductions.

Chair Hensley called for approval of the October 23, 2012 committee meeting minutes. Jerry Bragg moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Chair Hensley stated the agenda would be modified to allow Mercer Attorney Wade Symons to give a presentation on health care reform, specifically outlining information regarding health care exchanges and HIPAA regulations.

The committee recessed at 3:50 p.m. The committee reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

Roger Ferris reviewed the health care operating statement and Forum Building statement. The program is in good financial condition and with leases in full force, the building is operating in the black.

Jim Lux received an email from an individual who questioned the plan's lack of marital counseling coverage. Mr. Lux suggested the committee consider this matter.

Barb Wills presented the experience report, noting a loss ratio of 87% for 2012. Claims experience, large claims and the reserve calculation were reviewed. The loss ratio for the dental program in 2012 was 90%.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a premium holiday for 2014. Jim Lux suggested making this possibility known to fire districts; it was the consensus of the committee to delay any announcement until more experience is available for review. This will be a topic of discussion at the April meeting.

Jim Lux discussed enrollment noting three districts left the program and one joined.

Jim Lux gave the Health Care Manager's report stating he met with representatives of Gallagher VEBA Service Group to find out if there are ways we can work together for the benefit of fire districts.

Jim Lux is studying wellness incentives suggesting the committee look into this for 2014.

Jim Lux met yesterday with our CPA regarding our annual report to the state Auditor.

Jim Lux stated he will be working on updating the health care website.

Gene Carmody suggested running an article in the *Hope Health* newsletter warning of prescription drug interaction with certain foods.

Jerry Bragg suggested the committee consider adding coverage for marital counseling.

There was a question raised about insurance coverage for committee members. Roger Ferris responded that committee members are well covered under the association's policy through VFIS.

It was noted the committee will hold a special meeting in June.

There being no further business, the Health Care Committee meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.