Labor Healthcare Meeting

March 11, 2014

Minutes

Present: Meeting Sign-In Sheet (attached)

Ed Marquez, Deputy Mayor began the meeting at 2:11 p.m., and said that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- Set up a process to communicate and discuss healthcare options.
- Allow for collaboration between labor unions and County management.
- Provide informational workshops and communicate results.
- Revise our present healthcare plan and realize savings.

Mr. Marquez mentioned that he and a few other participants, including Andy Madtes of AFSCME 199 had the opportunity to go to New York to review their model healthcare plan that is currently provided to hotel employees. He said that something similar to this plan may be what the Labor Healthcare Committee may want to consider as a County healthcare plan. He said that the NY plan provides:

- 2/3 less cost
- Costs are set for 10 years
- Strong wellness program
- Structured care for major illnesses
- Provides best of care at a lower cost

Mr. Marquez said that Commissioner Monestime was presently the only Committee member for the Labor Healthcare Committee, as he had been appointed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). He asked each labor union to provide at least one committee member and an alternate. He also said that the meetings were open to the public. He then asked Commissioner Monestime to introduce himself and for everyone present to also provide an introduction.

Next, Paul Hebert, JD Area Vice President, Compliance, Gallagher Benefit Consulting Services, presented the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Informational Session.

http://www.miamidade.gov/humanresources/library/mdc-hcr-info-presentation-3-11-14.pdf

Next, Arleene Cuellar, Director of the Human Resources Department, presented a 2014 overview of Miami Dade County's healthcare information.

http://www.miamidade.gov/humanresources/library/healthcare-overview-march-2014-gbs-rev4.pdf

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There was a discussion concerning utilization rates, but the actuary, Mr. Glen Volk, Area Vice President & Consulting Actuary, from Gallagher explained that the County did not have enough members to affect utilization rates with the hospitals. Mr. Marquez said that if the County and the School Board and the universities would be combined as an insured group, then they would be able to reduce the cost of services. Mr. Marquez said that one of the County's opportunities was to better utilize the services provided by Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Cuellar presented AvMed's implementing a "Select" Network, (pg. 14). Duane Fitch, Consultant for SEIU, wanted to see the agreements that AvMed has negotiated with providers.

A correction to the minutes was presented by Martha Baker on 4/9/2014 to emphasize that Mr. Fitch's comments also included the need to address cost savings and to identify where the dollars are being spent in the contracts.

AvMed indicated that aggregate information could be provided at a future meeting.

Questions raised throughout the presentations:

- 1. Has the County compared the costs of the County's plan to other large employers?
- 2. Provide benchmark data for both private/public entities and plan value comparison for same.
- 3. Comparison of pricing at Jackson vs. other facilities.
- 4. If all ER visits went to a Jackson Facility, what would be the cost savings (model past ER claims through Jackson)?
- 5. For the costs associated with emergency room visits, what would be the potential savings if the employee seeks attention at another primary care facility?
- Average cost for various diagnoses at different place of services / appropriate place of service (i.e. if an ER claim went to an urgent care or PCP what is the difference in cost?)
- 7. Identify how many urgent care claims were referred to the ER (issue was raised that some of the urgent care facilities are sending members to an ER after the urgent care visit.)
- 8. Additional Utilization Data at a minimum to Diagnostic / MRI/CAT scans/ Urgent Care claims and comparison to benchmark data.
- 9. Will AvMed's provider contract(s) be available for review?

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- 10. Does AvMed's current ASO agreement have a guarantee discount?
- 11. Does AvMed anticipate better discounts to participating providers?
- Requested a copy of the 2013 Medical RFP results November 5, 2013 Agenda Item 8 (F) (12).
 http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/Matters/Y2013/131774.pdf
- 13. Interest in exploring wellness initiatives to general cost savings and a healthier workforce. Review plan designs to make them more wellness focused.

Ed Marquez concluded that Sunshine laws apply to the meetings held by the Labor Healthcare Committee. He asked for each labor union to recommend one person as a Committee member and one person as an alternate. The purpose of the group discussions was so that everyone is better informed.

The meeting was adjourned.

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