

SWCD of Illinois Insurance Committee Meeting
April 24, 2009, Northfield Inn Springfield, IL

Attended by:

Phyllis Muse
Donna Roads
Rick Walter
Debbie Holsapple
Steve Chard
Rich Nichols
Annyce Winters

Absent:

Sharon Matson

Chairman Emily Gilmore called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The board discussed the recommended by law changes. Debbie Holsapple distributed the revised bylaws. Donna Roads motioned to adopt the bylaws as presented. Rick Walter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board then discussed the revised plan administrator agreement. Donna Roads motioned to approve the agreement as revised. Phyllis Muse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The insurance committee reported to AISWCD and IDA about the benefits choice seminar held this morning. Our unit rating remained at a B+ level. Premium rates will increase by an average 5.4% for managed care programs and 5.5% for local care. Steve Chard indicated that to his knowledge, insurance will continue to be funded in FY2010.

Debbie Holsapple reported on changes to COBRA by the new stimulus law. Rick Walter motioned to require 100% of a terminated employee's insurance from their district employer. Phyllis Muse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donna Roads motioned to pay the AISWCD directors and officer's insurance premium. Phyllis Muse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the changes to the Illinois Funds money market accounts. Rich Nichols will research certificate of deposit rates for the insurance funds. Debbie Holsapple will review the requirements of the IDA grant for the insurance premiums again to make sure it is acceptable to move funds into certificates of deposit.

Rick Walter presented a question from his area. A district employee will soon be retiring and would like to be able to continue on this health insurance plan. Debbie Holsapple explained that this situation has been reviewed and the only option available to retiring employees would be COBRA if the employee is not eligible for medicare. No options are available for medicare retirees. This is because we do not have a statewide retirement plan.

Rick Walter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held during summer conference. Date and time will be advised at a later date.