

MINUTES OF MEETING

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
PRIVATE EMPLOYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000**

**MORTENSON, MATZELLE AND MELDRUM, INC.
3113 W. BELTLINE HWY.
MADISON, WI**

BOARD PRESENT: Eric Stanchfield, Chair
James Krogstad, Secretary
DeWayne Bierman
James Janes
Gary Meier
Christopher Queram
Tim Size
John Turcott

BOARD NOT PRESENT: Kenneth Conger
Gina Erickson
Joseph Leean, Vice-Chair

PARTICIPATING STAFF: Tom Korpady, Administrator, Division of Insurance Services
Phil Borden, Program Director, PEHCCP
A.B. Orlik, Program Manager, PEHCCP
Gina Fischer, Board Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Mills, Deputy Secretary
Pam Henning, Director, Legislation and Planning
Jim Guidry, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
Laura Marie Hanley, Quarles & Brady, LLP
Wayne Corey, Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Businesses
Joe Kachelski, Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
Gary Praznik, Insurance Brokerage Services
Russ Pederson, Dept. of Health and Family Services
Mary Haffenbredl, Atrium Health Plan

Mr. Stanchfield called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Consideration of Minutes of November 2, 2000

MOTION: Mr. Meier moved to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2000 meeting as submitted by the Board Coordinator. Mr. Size seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

Consideration of Annual Report on the Operation of the Program

The Board reviewed the draft of the annual report submitted by program staff. Program staff was directed to make changes as discussed.

Mr. Korpady stated that a final draft of the annual report would be sent to each Board member for review.

MOTION: Mr. Size moved to authorize the Board Chair to approve and sign the final version of the annual report on behalf of the Board. Mr. Turcott seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

Mr. Bierman asked that the Board be notified of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) Small Employer Health Insurance Task Force meetings. Staff will contact OCI and ask that the Board member names be added to their mailing list.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Korpady reported that Blue Cross/Blue Shield United of Wisconsin's request for an injunction to stop Group Health Cooperative from dropping coverage in Green and Jefferson counties has been denied.

Mr. Korpady also noted that there is some discussion in the Legislature about changing the definition of "employer" to mean any person employing one employee. This would be a change from the current definition that states that there must be at least two employees.

MOTION: Mr. Turcott moved to adjourn. Mr. Queram seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

The Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Date Approved _____

Signed: _____

James Krogstad
Secretary