

**Regional Health Cooperative
Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2008
- MEETING NOTES -**

Present: Rosanne Bump, Linda Skoglund, Pam Grove, Lisa Montgomery, Linda Hines, and William Rubin

The 12th meeting of the steering committee commenced at 8:12 a.m. on October 27th in Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Summary of the Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives Meeting on October 16th

Rubin said he traveled with Steve Healy to the Federation's offices in Madison. The meeting was intended to gather all of the regional cooperatives together as a way to learn from one other's experiences. Several of the groups expressed concerns about the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) and the time it takes for OCI to issue its order. The Federation will convene additional meetings in the future.

Review Letter from Progress Health Co-op

On October 25th, Rosanne Bump (and several others) received an e-mail communique from a health benefit purchasing cooperative referred to as Progress Health Cooperative. It was soliciting members for its cooperative, and seemed to refer to itself as a state-wide co-op. Their communique was widely distributed across the state (Menomonie received a copy, as did Superior, and River Falls, etc.). Rubin forwarded a copy of the communique to the Federation of Cooperatives, who knew nothing about Progress Health. They were checking into the organization.

Brown County & Healthy Lifestyles

One of the steering committee members asked if it was possible for Cooperative Health Choices of Western Wisconsin (CHC) to merge with Brown County in hopes there would be economies of scale. Discussion followed.

Review the Federation's Survey

The Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives (WFC) requires that each proposed health cooperative complete a survey to ensure the actions and mission of the cooperatives are in keeping with the principles of a true cooperative. Rubin reviewed some of the questions asked by WFC. Steering committee members assisted by providing answers and direction. Rubin will meet with Steve Healy later on and review WFC's survey so that it can be completed and submitted.

CHC's Outline of Issues

Pam Grove distributed an outline of issues to be addressed by the steering committee and CHC. Discussion followed.

AssureCare Educational Session

Linda Hines suggested a session with Great West to discuss their possible role(s) with CHC. She will arrange for a time on a Saturday for members of the steering committee to meet.

The meeting of the steering committee adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

~William Rubin