HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE POLICY & BENEFIT SERVICES DIVISION OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

## HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES January 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by Tom Woodruff:

#### **Attendance:**

Tom Woodruff – OSC	Josh Wojcik – OSC	Peggy Haering – OSC
Tara Downes – OSC	Tracy Cellillie – OSC	Bernie Slowik – OSC
Alex Humble – OSC	Sandra Czunas – OSC	Rae-Ellen Roy – OSC
Miriam Miller – OSC	Betsy Nosal – OSC	Alfredo Comargo – A&R
Kevin Sullivan – CSEA	Jody Barr – AFSCME	Greg Messner – OPM
Karen Nolen – OPM	Paul Lombardo – DOI	Dan Livingston – SEBAC
Carl Chisem – CEUI	Kathy Chubet – CEUI	Dave Glidden – CSEA
Terry DeMattie – Segal	Eileen Flick – Segal	Emily Peters – Segal
Jaime Stirling – Sterling	Michael White – UCPEA	

### **Partnership:**

Staff reported in Partnership Plan 2.0, as of 1/1/21 there are 139 groups enrolled totaling approximately 24,500 employees or over 58,500 members. For Partnership Plan 1.0, as of 1/1/21, there are 5 groups with a total of approximately 2,300 employees or over 3,500 members.

We have two small groups joining on 2/1/21 and there is interest for groups starting on 7/1/21, as well.

The geographic reporting requirement for Partnership will go into effect this year.

It was proposed that the introduction of the Bluecare Prime plan be postponed until June 2022. The State would like to see how it works with State employees before introducing the plan to Partnership. The committee will think about this proposal and decide at a later date.

#### Financials:

Staff reported no change in the active appropriation balance and a slight improvement in the retiree healthcare appropriation balance. The improvement is due to the lack of the HIT tax and better than expected Medicare renewal rates.