



Memo

To: West Suburban Health Group, Town Clerks and Secretaries
From: Karen Carpenter
Date: May 12, 2014
Re: West Suburban Health Group Steering Committee Meeting

There will be a West Suburban Health Group **Steering Committee** meeting on MAY 21, 2014 at 9:30 AM at the Wellesley Town Hall, Wellesley, MA

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting
2. Treasurer's report
3. GBS reports
4. The GIC as an option – What are the pros and cons of joining the GIC? What might the negotiation process be like? What are the transition issues in switching to the GIC? The Town of Sudbury went through this process several years ago. Maryanne Bilodeau, Sudbury Assistant Town Manager will join us to discuss their experience with this transition.
5. Negotiating Health Insurance Changes Using Sections 21 – 23 – Attorney Kevin Feeley will discuss the issues around negotiating health insurance changes. Since many WSHG communities already utilized some type of HRA or other reimbursement arrangement to get to Rate Savers, what other options might be available if we need to negotiate other changes with our bargaining units. Others of us may have already used 21 – 23, so what are the issues involved with using it again.
6. The Advantages of WSHG and its Future Viability – Carol Cormier will address the advantages that our joint purchasing group offers over the GIC option. She will also address the use of the Benchmark option, particularly if you want to do an “apples to apples” comparison with GIC options.
7. Discussion – This will be our best opportunity to have an open discussion regarding the future of WSHG, particularly with the additional outside expertise that will be in attendance. We will continue this session to 1:00 if necessary.
8. Other business

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