



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
SPECIAL LABOR/MANAGEMENT HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on September 10, 2025

DATE: Tuesday, August 26, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Bennett Administrative Center
102 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801

Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Andrew Bequette	Jon Cagle
Suzanne Brock	Steve Summers
Wade Lorenz	Jarod Tinsley
Angela Lusk	Jilmala Rogers
DeShonna Matthew	Brad Wakefield
Micah McMahon	Janae Wischart
John Naese	
Tami Ogden	
Cece Phillips	
Jennifer Sims	
Beth Vanichtheeranont	
Travis Wilson	
Travis Woodcock	
Michelle Jett	

County Staff: Megan Robison and Briana Farrar (recording secretaries)

Others Present: Shannon Garrett (Gallagher Benefit Services)

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I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Matthew called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

Mr. Naese entered the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

III. Approval of Minutes– August 19, 2025

Mr. McMahon noted that his name appeared as both present and absent, he requested to amend the minutes to remove his name from the present list. **MOTION** by Ms. Lusk to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025, with Mr. McMahon's requested amendment; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Health Insurance Plan Renewal Discussion

Ms. Garrett expressed that this year has been a worst-case scenario, and she is hoping next year will be better. Ms. Garrett informed the committee that Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has declined the request for a rate cap for the next year. There will be no rate relief if the committee does move ahead with a carve-out and recommended that the County do a Dependent Eligibility Audit for insights and to assess how many spouses are using the County plan as secondary insurance. Ms. Jett asked if the audit can be done, and no action taken from its findings. Ms. Garrett noted that dependents added illegally are often found during these types of audits and if these instances are found, action will have to be taken.

BCBS has granted a one-time \$75,000 wellness credit to support the implementation of possible wellness consulting in efforts to stabilize the health of the group. The credit is not contingent upon adding wellness consulting and that it is up to the County to determine whether they want to add wellness consulting or pass the savings on to their membership.

Ms. Garrett shared emergency care usage and suggested that the committee consider adjusting the way Urgent Care (UC) is billed and increase the cost of Emergency Room visits (ER) to steer the membership to UC noting that almost 32% of emergency room visits were potentially non-emergent. Ms. Garrett shared that UC claims are much smaller than ER claims. The committee members held extensive discussions about this option noting that the amount of UCs available is dropping due to OSF ending services in our area, lack of pharmacy availability, Carle fee schedules and billing practices, and being turned away at local UCs and told to go to the ER. The committee asked if there was a way to ensure that if employees go to UC first and are referred to ER that they will not be penalized.

Management asked what union members would find more palatable; change or maintaining the status quo.

Ms. Vanichtheeranont left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The committee members went into caucus at 4:05 p.m.

The committee members resumed open session at 4:16 p.m.

The union members indicated they were more interested in keeping the status quo. Ms. Jett clarified they find it more palatable to keep copays and accept the 30% premium increase. Mr. McMahon clarified no copays would apply after meeting \$2000 out-of-pocket. Ms. Matthew asked why the disinterest in changes and outlined potential outcomes of raising premium costs 30%.

Ms. Garrett informed the committee that she is still awaiting a response from the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC). The committee asked if it would be possible for a representative to attend a meeting to gain clarity about what would be expected of the County.

V. Next meeting – September 2, 2025

The next meeting will be September 2, 2025.

VI. Adjournment

Co-Chair Matthew adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.