

ACRE Monthly Meeting April 20, 2011 Minutes

Notes by M Lee for T Brown

Board Meeting 10 am

Francis Bradley talked about deductibles on RX, Advised that the City Council Healthcare oversight committee had been moved to 1 pm Monday on the 5th floor of City Hall April 25, 2011. Asked that any one having questions for the Monday meeting to get them to him. He stated one question should be what are the plan changes from the old plan to the new plan.

GENERAL MEETING 12 NOON

President Wainscott called everyone to order. He apologized that we were having to meet in the cafeteria but assured everyone that next month we would be back in our normal meeting room.

Richard McBryde opened with Prayer.

Clyde Keenan answered a retiree's question about whether or not the City was going to reduce their pensions. He advised that all that was currently being discussed in the news dealt with only those with less than 10 years service and new hires.

Francis Bradley advised the membership of the quarterly meeting on April 25 at 1pm on the 5th floor conference room at City Hall. The membership was advised we still do not know for certain who will be the new health carrier, when open enrollment would be held, or when the effective date of implementation of the new plan would began or when the new deductible would start. It was hoped that we would find out something at this Monday meeting but there were no guarantees.

Several members were complaining about the treatment Caremark was giving them and their physicians for GERD (acid Reflux) diagnosis, it was like a run around to approve the medication and then for only 1 year and they had to go through the same procedures again. Some of the medicines not being filled in a timely manner are: Prevacid, Nexium, Proconix, Kapidex. They were advised that this would be brought up Monday. It seems redundant that a Doctor prescribes something and then the patient has to call the Doctor and tell him Caremark wants that same Doctor to call them and then fax data proving the diagnosis and treatment.

The membership were advised to keep up with their bills from their Doctors especially during the change over in policies. They were reminded any bills incurred prior to the effective date of the new policy had to be handled through United Healthcare, so don't call the new insurer on a bill under UHC.

Several folks said they were not getting emails from Terri , so we all said again to make certain we have your correct email. One was Clyde Bowen whose name does show up on the email list.

Emails to add; Pearlie Mason retired from Community Development p-gmason@comcast.net and Chris Cothran retired MPD chriscothran@comcast.net and Jean Tiscia widow of fireman at tnevol16@comcast.net

Having no new business President Wainscott adjourned the meeting.