

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2004, 8:30AM**

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Commissioner Kenneth Edge, Chair
Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett
Commissioner John T. Henley, Jr.

OTHERS: James Martin, County Manager
Juanita Pilgrim, Deputy County Manager
Amy Cannon, Asst. County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
James Silman, Risk Management
Marsha Fogle, Clerk
Blue Cross Blue Shield Representatives
Press

Invocation: Commissioner Talmage S. Baggett

1. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2004

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Henley

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Review of health insurance claims data

Kathleen Haley, BCBS, reviewed the programs in which county employees with specific type illnesses may participate, i.e., Your Asthma Care, Your Diabetes Care, Your Heart Matters, Your Baby and You, and Your Healthy Best. BCBS offers these patients educational information on their particular diseases and works with them to manage their illness. Ms. Haley noted that it has been difficult getting Cumberland County employees to enroll in these programs. She noted that 37% of the employees eligible to enroll in the above programs actually take advantage of the opportunity.

Blue Cross Blue Shield enrollment of county employees and dependents was 3200 in 2003. To date in 2004, the total enrollment is 3343. Enrollment in intensive management is expected to double.

Commissioner Henley inquired how much money are these management programs saving the County? He said he appreciated learning about the programs available but needed specific information regarding savings for the County. He said the County cannot continue to pay a 20% increase in health care costs every year.

Ms. Haley noted that BCBS is now able to break out the information on the County from the rest of their enrollment.

Commissioner Henley said at the next quarterly meeting the Finance Committee would like to see county specific data and cost savings, to

include average hospital discharge cost, length of stay in our hospital facility, admission rates, etc.

3. Closed Session: Property Matter – NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5)

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved to go into Closed Session for the above referenced matter.

SECOND: Commissioner Henley

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: Commissioner Henley moved to go back into Open Session.

SECOND: Commissioner Baggett

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40AM.