

Meeting Summary

- Present:** Molly Schilling, Chair, Adrian
 Ray Hassing, Vice Chair, Round Lake-Brewster
 Scott Monson, Past Chair, Minneota
 James Menton, BOLD
 Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek
 Barry Schmidt, Jackson County Central
 Melissa Radeke, Lester Prairie
 Terry Gaalswyk, Minnesota West
 Joe Meyer, Murray County Central
 Klint Willert, Pipestone
 Brad Johnson, Renville County West
 Dr. Chad Anderson, Tracy
 Richard Schneider, Yellow Medicine East
- Absent:** Ryan Nielsen, Canby
 Chris Sonju, Glencoe-Silver Lake
 Paul Bang, Heron Lake-Okabena
 Chris Fenske, Lakeview
 Sonya Vierstraete, SW Minnesota State University
 Bill Adams, Willmar
- Staff:** Cliff Carmody, Executive Director
 Tegan Gillund, Director of Finance
 Shelly Maes, Director of Member Engagement & SWWC Foundation Executive Director
 Abby Polzine, Director of Human Services
 Doug Deragisch, Director of Risk Management
 Mary Palmer, Senior Director of Special Services
 Deecy Jesse, Administrative Assistant
- I. Call to Order – Molly Schilling, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Agenda Review and Approval
 The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Scott Monson, second by Melissa Radeke, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
 - c. Review and Approve 9/10/24 Meeting Summary
 The minutes from September 10, 2024, Superintendents' Executive Council meeting was reviewed. Motion by Jim Menton, second by rich Schneider, to approve the September 10, 2024, Superintendents' Executive Council meeting summary. Motion passed.
 - II. Information/Discussion/Action
 - a. Risk Management Updates – Doug Deragisch
 Carli Bothun, a SWWC insurance specialist, left early August. We are collaborating with Resource Training & Solutions in St. Cloud and Southeast Service Cooperative in Rochester.
 - Colleen Schumann, Account Manager
 Current Pool members; day-to-day questions/issues

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- Brittani Daniel, New Sales Lead
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Timeline for Mandatory Bid:

December 20	Mandatory bid information & templates to Members.
January 2	Last date to request data from the carrier. <i>We have requested the data from Medica on your behalf, if you have unions that have moved to PEIP in 2023 or earlier, this is the deadline to request data from them.</i>
January 13	Decision date to request additional assistance from the Service Cooperative.
January 20	Prepare newspaper ad for publication on or before Feb. 1 st
January 31	Release RFP & data to three sources, including the Service Cooperative and PEIP. <i>The data will be securely emailed to you by January 24.</i>
March 17	Pooled rates will be complete, and bids will be ready to release from the Service Cooperative
Mar 17-Apr 2	Suggested bid opening date is between March 17 and April 2 <i>Last date for bid opening per statute is April 2.</i>
April 15	Last date for bidders to submit final proposals (if applicable)
May 2	Final bid award due, with written decision rationale
July 1	Renewal date

MHC-WEX Partnership contact is Marlo Peterson.

mpeterson@mnhc.gov

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The Coop is required to go out for bids every 4 years.

1094/95 Reporting – email will be coming out around January 20.

b. Special Services Updates – Mary Palmer

- Jen Kimman sent an ELC update this week. If you have any questions, please contact Jen.
- Jan 27 Transportation Q & A with MDE Staff. Paul Ferrin and other MDE staff will attend.

- March 17 Pot of Gold Training (finance training) Registration is open and think it's virtual.
- SWWC is sending several staff members to a 4-part training on multi-lingual learners.
- Principals and Case Managers will be called to gain information to improve services.
- Reconciling Dec 1 child counts.
- Districts are up for due process monitoring.

c. Director of Finance Report – Tegan Gillund

i. FY24 Audit & Fund Balance Summary

Tegan provided a 23-24 Audit and Fund Balance Summary.

ii. FY26 Fees

A FY24-25 to FY25-26 Fee Comparison was shared. There is no change in the membership fees.

Tech Services New Items:

- Mileage now included in contract rate.
- Remote Work Agreement for Tech Coordination/Integration Support.
- SWWC Student Data Privacy Program with Technology Provider Analysis Dashboard.
- SWWC Managed Filtered Services.

Contracts will go out on Feb 1 and the return deadline is Apr 1.

Fees will go to the January Board meeting.

d. Other

III. Committee Reports, Communication, Information and Updates

a. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Looked at fee structure & Ready Clinics. Ryan Nielsen is co-chairing next year and Mary Palmer is retiring.

b. Executive Committee Report

No report.

c. MREA Updates – Cliff Carmody

New Board Member Election with voting due at the end of the month. The MREA Conference went well.

d. MN Telemedia Report – Paul Bang/Ray Hassing/Dan Deitte

No report.

e. MASA Updates – Bill Adams

MASA Award Nominations are open with a January 3 deadline.

f. Post-Secondary Partners Updates

i. SMSU – Dr. Sonya Vierstraete

ii. MN West Community & Technical College – Dr. Terry Gaalswyk

- 485 million dollars ask in biennium.

- Forecasting 5% increases over the next two years.
 - MN West is having a remarkable year. 10% growth in enrollment. Substantial growth in CTE.
 - National runner up for Women's volleyball.
- g. SWWC Foundation for Innovation in Education Update – Shelly Maes
The Foundation received 45,000 for student enrichment in grants. Redirecting the light fund donation. Ready Clinic did a lot of fundraising on Give to the Max Day. Happy with the fundraising at this point.

IV. SWWC Executive Director Report

Tanya Kelly has been appointed to SWWC Board for a 1-year term to replace Steve Schnieder. MN Human Services awarded a \$550,000 grant to SWWC for The Ready Clinic.

V. Open Forum/Closing Remarks

VI. The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.



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Dear Group Leader,

The upcoming insurance renewal brings with it the two-year mandatory bid cycle, applicable to most of our pool members. We are again offering additional assistance to Members who would like the Service Cooperative to help them with the process. **If you would like additional support during the Mandatory Bid cycle, please contact Doug Deragisch or Colleen Schumann (contact information below.)**

Watch your email for periodic updates and invitations to join the Service Cooperative for a review of program changes for the upcoming renewal.

To aid in your planning, key dates are provided below:

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HSA, VEBA, FSA PLANS, COBRA & MN CONTINUATION

MHC-WEX PARTNERSHIP



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- No setup or renewal fees

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HSA, VEBA, FSA

Administrative Fees

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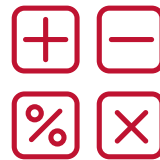
We have several resources and tools to help employees achieve their goals in our Benefits Toolkit at [MHC.Benefitsinfo.com](https://www.mhcbenefitsinfo.com), including:



- Webinars on cost reduction, updates, tips, and efficiencies
- Dedicated customer service
- Employer account management team



- Personalized MHC customer service
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- IRS regulation expertise



- Employees get \$1 worth of care for just \$.70 cents
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- [Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association](#) (VEBA)
- [Flexible Spending Accounts](#) - Medical and Dependent Care (FSAs)
- [COBRA](#) - NEW January 1, 2025
- [MN Continuation](#) - NEW January 1, 2025