

**JOINT WORKSHOP of the Burrillville Town Council and Burrillville School Committee held Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:05 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**PRESENT:**

**Town Council: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley and John M. Karmozyn Jr.**

**School Committee: Raymond J. Trinque, Chair; Members Dorothy A. Cardon, Joan Cote, Paul J. Couture and Scott Moore**

**Others Present: Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools; John P. Mainville, Finance Director; Robin Kimation, School Business Manager**

**ABSENT: Town Councilors Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe and School Committee Members Mary Margaret Karmozyn and Peter Lambert were excused.**

**Relative to discussion and consideration of the Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island, Inc.**

**David P. Faucher, President, Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island (GHGRI) and Director of Finance, town of Portsmouth, distributed a handout relative to the presentation. A copy of handout and the proposed agreement are on file with the record of the workshop.**

**Mr. Faucher addressed those present relative to the 2004 formation of GHGRI, discussed the present membership, the concept, purpose and operation of the Group, and the benefits realized to date. Mr. Faucher discussed the current agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, reviewed the operating results, and reported on the contingency fund and distribution of savings to members. Mr. Faucher outlined the new member policy.**

**A question and answer period followed the presentation. The following points were discussed in further detail:**

- The Blue Cross Blue Shield rate through 2011**
- Current membership of the Group**
- Participation of both municipal and school department**
- Method of distribution of surplus**
- Plan to increase the contingency fund in proportion to any increase in membership**
- Capital contribution required from new members**
- Group purchase of reinsurance (stop-loss insurance)**
- Comparison of rates**
- Three-year commitment; penalties for early withdrawal**

- **The Group's procedure for handling adverse claims experience**
- **Deadline for application for membership**
- **Collective bargaining agreements that specify a particular health insurance provider**
- **Impact of increased membership**
- **Potential restrictions on increase in membership**
- **Proposed legislation relative to health insurance**

**There was discussion of the process of the Town Council and School Committee separately considering joint application to Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island.**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns thanked Mr. Faucher for the presentation.**

**VOTED to adjourn at 6:50 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The motion carried, five in favor, two excused. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley and John M. Karmozyn Jr. Councilors Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe were excused.**

**The workshop was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the workshop.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**