

# **Professional Provider-Health Plan Workgroup**

**Coro Building, 167 Point Street, Providence**

**Third Floor Boardroom 3A**

**Minutes**

**February 13, 2005**

## **1. Attendance:**

**Present: Chris Dooley, Dan Egan, Lorraine Roberts, Joel Kaufman M.D., Paul Carey, Lois Booth, Fernanda da Costa, Donna Valetta, Maureen Brousseau, Stephan Katinas, Bob Cambio, Holly Veta, Mary Bennett**

**Via telephone: Denise Strait, Mike Spangler**

**OHIC Staff: Patricia Huschle , Adrienne Evans**

## **2. Review Minutes**

**Minutes from the 1/30/2006 meeting were approved.**

## **3. Review of outstanding issues on CAQH application**

**Issues previously identified by the group including border issues, ethnicity, timeframes for credentialing and common CVO were all discussed.**

## **4. Discussion on Rollout for the statewide application**

**Group discussed current CAQH enrollment numbers for both physician and Allied health providers. Group discussed the feasibility of an October 1, 2006 implementation date for use of the CAQH application for all new providers applying to the health plans. Group agreed that some flexibility with the implementation date for re-credentialing applications is necessary to avoid terminations due to non-compliance. Discussion of multiple mailings to providers prior to this date informing providers of this initiative and providing them with the detail on how to proceed to complete the application. Group felt informational sessions may be useful in addition.**

#### **5. Items for Next Meeting**

**P. Huschle to draft joint letter informing providers of this initiative. CAQH mailing list to be compared to BCBS current network to determine address integrity. Health plans to review CAQH provider type list to indicate the provider types not credentialed and will indicate those that are credentialed not on the list. CAQH to provide current breakdown by provider type for the group's review. Schedule meeting with CAQH and Hospital Medical Staff personnel.**

#### **6. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting is February 27, 10-12 am at Lifespan PSO Board Room 3A, Coro Building, 167 Point Street, Providence.**