

Healthcare Workshop Meeting
February 7, 2008

A healthcare workshop was held Thursday, February 7, 2008, 6:30 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library Room. The following were in attendance: 4 school board members, 6 professional staff members, 1 uni-serve representative and 2 administrators were present for a presentation on the trends in healthcare. Mrs. Robin Hope from the Reschini Agency informed the group on cost drivers for health care. She also explained medical trend influences such as medical inflation costs, cost shifting scenarios, government mandates and new technology issues. Mrs. Hope reviewed the current PPOBlue medical plan offered by Redbank Valley School District to staff and offered advice on new concepts being offered for health care industry to school districts. Mrs. Hope presented illustrations of options available to the current coverage for the people to review and question as to the effect on what is covered and the cost associated with these options. Mrs. Hope also shared a summary of statistical indicators under the Redbank Valley group on how the staff utilizes medical coverage and prescription drugs. Dr. Cornish offered information as to the consortium that the Redbank Valley School District belongs to with 18 other school districts. Belonging to this consortium affords the school district the ability to have some control over the premium charged. Dr. Cornish explained that over the past years the consortium premiums have been below what Highmark has expected as cost to consortium. Questions from those present were answered by Mrs. Hope and Dr. Cornish thanked those present at the conclusion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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