

MINUTES

Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative June 25, 2026

**2:00-3:30 p.m.
LEARN/TEAMS**

Present: Mike Belden, Holly McCalla, John Hall, Ian Neviasser, Dan Moleti, Karen Asetta, Troy Hopkins, Valerie Belles, Christine Bourne, Pam Listori, and Chris Drezek

Online: Kate Ericson

Other: Tom Kowalchik, Lynn Iannuzzi-DiBene, Joseph Spurgeon, Joanne Lund, and Chuck Petruccione

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Standing Agenda Items- Discussion and Action

1. Acceptance of May 21, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion made by Holly McCalla and seconded by Valerie Belles. Motion carried.

Chair Mike Beldon entertained a motion to add an item to the agenda. Motion made by Kristina Martineau and seconded by Valerie Belles to add an agenda item for the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 17, 2026. Motion carried.

Acceptance of June 17, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion made by Kristina Martineau and seconded by Valerie Belles. Motion carried.

2. Financial Status Report

Joanne Lund presented the monthly Financial Status Report as follows:

May net position of \$794K reflecting 5 weeks of claims. Stop loss receipts of \$1.06 million posted to each members' net position. Large claims at 143 up from 126 in April. Claims over \$150K at 35 up from 32. 19 of the large claims are between \$100K and \$149K

Additional update provided - estimated June claims projected to be \$2,192,599- a potential shortfall of \$272,062 without early July payment made by a member.

3. Marketing

No update

4. Communication/Prospective New Member Information

No update.

5. Reserve Fund Policy

No update

6. Updates from Vendors/Anthem

PCOR filings for 2025-2026- Joanne Lund will file and pay approximately \$6,000 total.

AWARE vendor success story and experience shared by Valerie Belles. Discussion on presentation and demo opportunity for districts (two month free trial).

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Appoint subcommittee for newly approved tiered plan

September deadline for subcommittee to create a structure of a tiered plan and to define the term of the plan. Subcommittee members established: Karen Asetta, Valerie Belles, Mike Belden, Kate Ericson, and Kristina Martineau. The subcommittee will meet prior to the August 27, 2026 meeting to provide a status update.

2. Discussion on approved 15% rate increase for FY26-27 medical and dental (USI to provide most recent claims data)

Tom Kowalchik provided updated data related to rate increase and claims. There has been an increase in claims (higher than anticipated) since the Board locked in the rate increase that was established in April 2026. At that time, 12.4% (plus 2.6% = 15%) was expected vs. updated 13.3%. 50% of Rx rebates factored into these calculations. Discussion to keep 15% rate as is and to monitor moving forward.

3. Discussion on July FY 26-27 payment

Initial discussion about multiple payments, updated claims trends, and possible next steps.

4. Discussion of FY 26-27 schedule of payments

- a. Discussion on making 2 payments in July (July and August payment based on July 1, 2026 census)

Motion made to pay two months of payments based on the July 1 census as soon as possible in early July. Motion made by Kristina Martineau and seconded by Valerie Belles. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 opposed (Karen Asetta). No abstentions.

- b. Updated rates for FY 26-27
No change made to 15% rate for FY 26-27
- c. Provide new monthly census with payment based on 1st of the month (1 page summary)

Reminder made to provide a one page summary with month payments and to not include the entire census report. This one page census summary sheet should be sent with payment.

d. Payments due the 20th of the month

Reminder to make timely payments- census and payment based on 1st of the month snapshot and sent NO LATER THAN the 20th of the month.

5. Vote on FY 26-27 officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary (Bylaws, Article 6.1)

Position of Chair

Motion made by Ian Neviaser and seconded by Holly McCalla to nominate Kristina Martineau as Chair.
Motion carried.

Position of Vice Chair

Motion made by Kristina Martineau to nominate Ian Neviaser for Vice Chair. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Kristina Martineau to nominate Pam Listori for Vice Chair. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Mike Belden and seconded by Chris Drezek to nominate Valerie Belles. Motion carried.

Position of Secretary

Motion made by Ian Neviaser and seconded by Chris Drezek to nominate Dan Moleti as Secretary.
Motion carried.

6. Agenda setting for August 27, 2026 meeting

- AWARE presentation
- Bylaw Change Consideration (payment schedule and rate setting)
- Tiered Plan Subcommittee Report from initial meeting

Motion to adjourn at 3:19 p.m. made by Holly McCalla and seconded by Valerie Belles.