

ACES Insurance Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Attendance:

Directors Present: T. Danehy, T. Howes and W. Rice, ACES; E. Marriott, Ansonia Board of Ed; R. Monico, Town of North Haven; H. Wardlow and C. Strickland, North Haven Board of Ed; B. Sirpenski, Norwich Board of Ed.; D. Labbe, Torrington Board of Ed.

Others Present: S. Kaminsky and C. Petruccione, Brown & Brown; D. Carson, ACES

1. Approval of minutes from April 20th, 2025, meeting
 - a. R. Monico motioned to approve, E. Marriott seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously. C. Strickland abstained.
2. Welcome New Members – Torrington BOE and Norwich BOE
3. Updates on Renewal Terms with Anthem (i.e. On-Site Rep and Paid Audit)
 - a. C. Petruccione stated that Anthem has posted the position for on-site rep. and will reach out in a few weeks for finalist interviews. The goal is to provide a higher level of customer service to all Collaborative members. If anyone has particular needs they are open to suggestions, such as scheduling events for the fall.
 - b. The 2025-2026 medical claims review audit is available to the five existing groups and so far, ACES and East Haven have returned the necessary paperwork to get started. Brown & Brown can assist if needed. Anthem will reimburse for the cost of the audit, approximately \$31k per group.
4. Updates on Life/LTD Conversion
 - a. ACES, Ansonia, North Haven and Ellington are moving to Boston Mutual. All groups were sent paperwork last week to be signed and returned in order to term coverage with the existing carrier and move forward. T. Danehy asked if the IRS threshold for the taxable benefit was still \$50k, C. Petruccione confirmed.
5. Summer Luncheon – July 9th
 - a. This date works for all. Region 16 may also join.
6. New/Old Business:
 - a. S. Kaminsky noted that we may discuss gene therapy and the high costs associated at the luncheon or a future meeting. Brown & Brown has reviewed and found that this is not a present concern for any of the groups.
7. Adjournment
 - a. R. Monico motioned, E. Marriott seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.