



Health Care Committee
of the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Notes: April 7, 2010 8:00 a.m.

Present: Diane Butler, Lyn Chappell, Chris Davis, Gae Ellery, Gary Huyge, Tracy Kiersey, Greg Lewis, Darryl Lesoski, Rene Louchart, Jim McDonnell, Sharon Olson, Stephen Perdue, John Schneider, Tammy Tarsa, Randy Williams, and Laura Galbraith

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

- **Review Meeting Notes**

Minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

- **Wellness Seminar Update**

The next health care committee seminar will be held on Friday, April 30th at 7:30am. The program will be 1 hour 15 minutes long. The program will focus on why an employer should implement a wellness program and how an employer can implement a wellness program. There will be four types of programs: (1) Free program, (2) Insurance Only, (3) Coaching, and (4) Comprehensive Program. The speakers will be Greg Chappell, Diane Butler, Gary Huyge, Sharon Olson, and John Schneider. The event will be catered by Oryana.

The Chamber staff will be responsible for marketing and promoting the program. A flyer needs to be produced and forwarded to all committee members for distribution. Chris Davis suggested making an announcement at the next Traverse Area Human Resource Association meeting. Chamber staff will tape the session and make it available to Chamber members via the website.

- **Health Care Committee Website**

The committee discussed whether the information on the website should be for members only. After much discussion, Chair McDonnell read the Guiding Principles document to the committee. The document infers that the information should be available to Chamber members, but does not specifically state members only. The committee felt that the information would be accessed more if it were not password protected. The committee agreed to move the content out of members only. Chamber staff should monitor website traffic and report back to committee.

Laura Galbraith displayed some of the website content on an overhead projector for the committee to review. It was decided that a subcommittee be formed to focus on updating the health care committee content. Committee members interested in participating: Greg Lewis, Gae Ellery, John Schneider, Lynn Chappell, Tracy Kiersey, and Chamber staff. The subcommittee will meet in May, after the wellness seminar, and report their recommendations to the full committee.

Other Business

Gae Ellery reported to the committee that she had pertinent information to share with the committee on Health Care Reform. Galbraith will distribute materials to the entire committee via email.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010
8:00 a.m. – VanSumeren Room**

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