



STUDENT HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, CHARGE, and STRUCTURE

CURRENT MEMBERS

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STAFF

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COMMITTEE CHARGE AND HISTORY

The Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee helps MHEC identify regional solutions to student health needs, including exploring needed student physical and mental health contracts and programming and reviewing existing contracts and programming.

MHEC’s Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee was founded in 2008, when MHEC received a grant from the Lumina Foundation for Education to implement regional initiatives to improve higher education productivity for colleges and universities that face increasing costs for energy and utilities as well as those for employee and student health care. The three-year initiative convened experts with industry specific experience to assist in developing programs in energy and healthcare. As a result of this work, MHEC conducted its first student health RFP and established cost- and time-savings contracts for use by higher education institutions throughout the Midwest. The committee has supported subsequent rounds of contract development including the most recent RFP process, completed in 2021, that resulted in the student health contracts that MHEC currently offers.

STRUCTURE

The committee is comprised of student health leaders from throughout the Midwest. Representation from each of the 12 states MHEC serves is desired but not required.

The committee meets quarterly for virtual, 60- or 90-minute meetings. In between meetings, members share feedback and ideas via email and may be asked to complete surveys. If a timely topic arises, an additional virtual meeting may be requested. As availability allows, in-person gatherings while at national

or regional conferences may also be offered.

Request for Proposal (RFP) WORK GROUPS

During RFP cycles, a separate work group will be established to advise on the RFP process. This work group will meet regularly (monthly) during this process. It is helpful to have Advisory Committee members participate in this work group as they are available, but we know that not all members will be able to participate due to timing and current workloads. Advisory Committee members can also recommend other representatives from their university/university system for the work group (individuals who are not on the Advisory Committee can participate in a work group).

In addition to virtual meetings, the work group may also meet in person for respondent's conference (typically a two-day conference in Chicago).

MHEC covers the costs of attendance for all in-person meetings for both the Student Health Benefits Advisory Committee and RFP Work Groups.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- [MHECare Overview](#)