#### ATTACHMENT X-D

ATTACHMENT X-D: Approval of Rural School Insurance Pool Cooperative

Suggested Motion: Move to approve participating in the Rural School Insurance

Pool Cooperative

Recommended Action: Approve as presented

Attached is a brief overview of the Rural School Insurance Pool Cooperative from Mike Parrott, Area Vice President of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. They currently have commitments for the initial study from the following districts: Kinnikinnick, Hononegah, Winnebago, Meridian, Oregon, Rochelle Elementary, and West Carroll. Rockton and Riverdale are other districts also considering participation.

If North Boone is interested in participating, there is a one-time \$1800 study fee which will be billed in early November.

Gallagher & Co. will need our response no later than Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, as to our participation status.



# Rural School Pool Cooperative Purchasing Discussion

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### **Invited Members**

School	# 0f Enrollees	Carrier
Calumet City	135	BC/BS
El Paso	145	BC/BS
Hononegah	198	Alliance S.F.
Kinnikinnick*	141	BC/BS
LaSalle	108	BC/BS
Meridian	152	BC/BS
North Boone	142	BC/BS
Oregon	145	BC/BS
Riverdale	108	BC/BS
Rochelle Elementary	150	BC/BS
Rockton*	133	BC/BS S.F.
West Carroll	142	BC/BS
Winnebago	150	BC/BS S.F.
	1,849 / 4,500	

### Forming a Cooperative

- Enabling legal environment for public entities
- Four or more committed organizations / 2,000+ full-time employee lives
- Tolerance for risk assumption
- Consultant experienced in cooperative formation and management

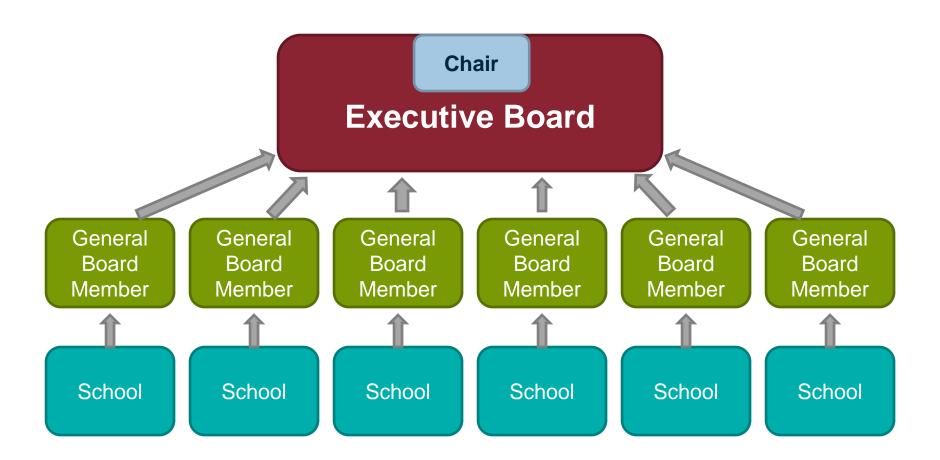
### Elements of Success

- Members with a generally similar profile
  - Types of employees
  - Management structure
  - Number of employees
- Tied together for reasons other than purchasing healthcare
- Common compensation and benefit philosophy
- Collaborative working environment
  - Willingness to challenge one another to improve as a group
- Desire to grow and evolve over time

### Elements of Success

- Establish guiding philosophy or homogenous approach that everyone buys into before joining
- Rules need to be established in order to prevent anti-selection or minimize the risk of participants using the plan and then leaving
- Cooperatives need to be established for a longer time frame, not just annual participation generally a three-year commitment

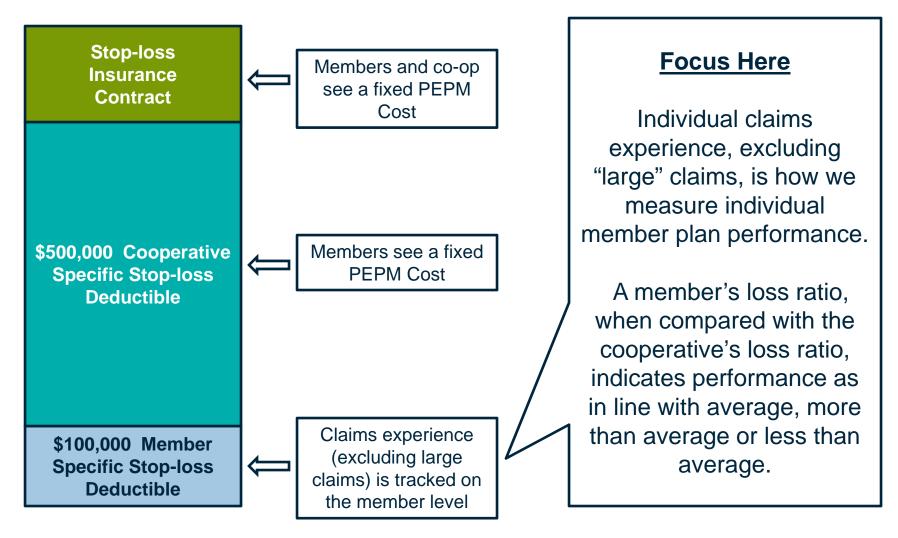
### Typical governance structure



### Cooperative Governance

- Intergovernmental agreement
- Allowed by the State, Regulated by the DOI and DOL
- Financial vehicle
- Conservatively funded and reserved
- Preserve plan design and vendor selection freedom
- Managed by preeminent public sector vendors
- Fully transparent

# Banding formula



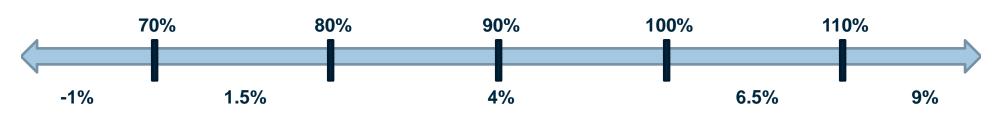
### Renewal methodologies

Cooperative Loss
Ratio
90%

Cooperative Renewal +4%

"Band" Width +/- 5%

#### **Member Loss Ratio**



#### Member Renewal

	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4
Member Loss Ratio	92%	79%	88%	102%
Member Renewal	4%	1.5%	4%	6.5%

### Hurdles and drawbacks

- Change can be intimidating
  - Unfamiliar territory and process
- Bargaining Unit Considerations
- Loss of some control and autonomy
  - You may not like the decisions made by the "majority"

### Can we save money?

#### **Short-term advantages**

- Most members do keep current program
  - Network and Plan Design
  - Tier structure (single, family, etc.)
  - Retiree/Population consistency

#### Long-term advantages

- Decision Making Support
  - Sharing of "best practices"
- Budget friendly
- Trend reduction
- Market clout



## Generating Cost Savings

#### **Self-insured groups**

- Stop loss
- Plan administration
- Professional services
- Rx Prescription purchasing
- Reserve opportunities
- Expanded marketplace and flexibility

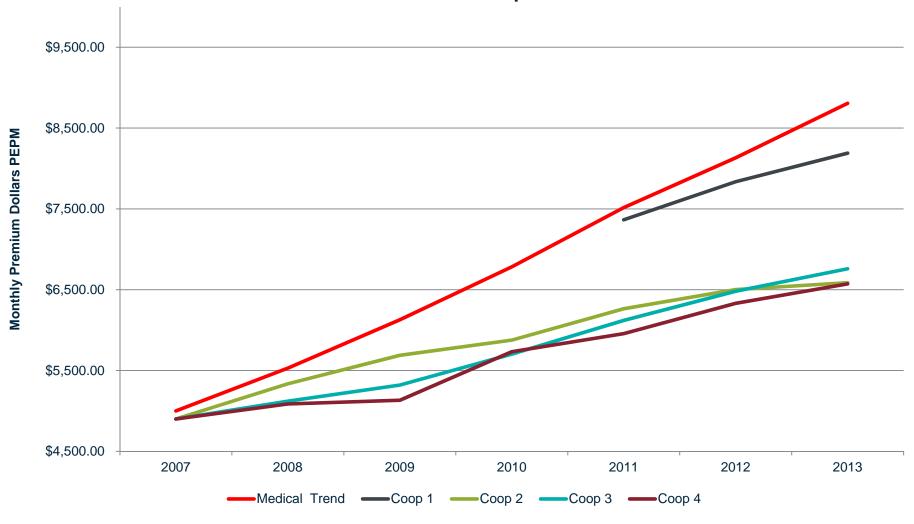
#### **Fully-insured groups**

- PPACA fees
- Carrier profit margins



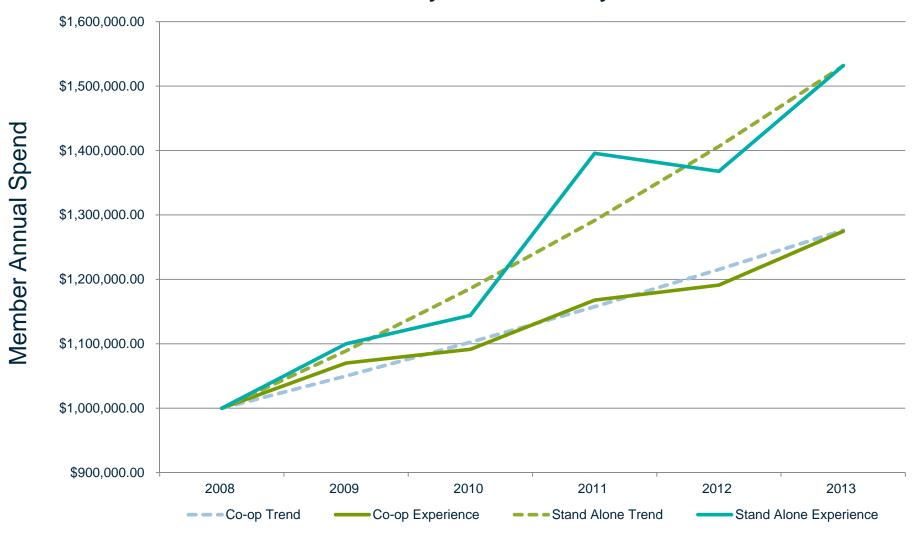
# Stabilizing Experience Over Time

#### Market Trend vs. Cooperative Trend



### Individual experience

Volatility vs. Stability



## Stabilizing Experience Over Time

- More consistent stop loss renewals
- Risk sharing at renewal
- Improved predictability with larger population
- Greater effectiveness with cost savings initiatives
  - Wellness
  - Disease management
  - Claims management
  - Program audits

### Cooperative Deliverables

- Proactive approach to managing Benefits
- Retaining plan design
- Access to information/data
- Increased purchasing power
- Dedicated Municipal service team
- Budgetable, Predictable, Stable, and Flexible
- Full disclosure and transparency
- Intangibles
- Benchmarking

## Why Now?

#### The Marketplace

- January 1, 2016 BC/BS minimum lowered to 100 vs. 150.
- Healthcare Reform 50-99 Individual Rating Impact
- Budget and pension restraints
- Board pressures
- Competition and choice

### Gallagher Pooling Success

#### **Pooling Success**

- 18+ benefits cooperatives
  - 1,700+ benefits clients
- 150+ liability cooperatives
  - 3,400+ P&C clients
- Dedicated focus to serving Public Entities
- Resources

### Building a Partnership

#### **Feasibility Study**

- Current Gallagher Rockford Clients Initial Group
- Gallagher underwriting/market assessment
- Anticipate 100+ AJG Hours to Coordinate
- Commitment of \$1,800 Per School for study

### Proposed Implementation Timeline

#### July 1, 2016 Effective Date

- August 2015 Initial Meeting
- September 2015 School Study Sign-up
  - Begin BOE & Insurance Committee Education
- October/Nov 2015 Gather Information for UW
- Dec/Jan 2016 Underwriting
- Feb 2016 Initial Rates
- March 2016 BOE/Insurance Committee Meetings
- April/May 2016 Open Enrollments