

Wellness and Prevention

A Wellness and Prevention Program shall be implemented to promote the wellness and prevention of disease and illness of City employees, retirees, and their family members. The program may contain some or all of the following components: annual health risk assessment, benefit communications, medical self-care, nurse line, consumer health education, injury prevention, advanced directives, preventive medical benefits, targeted at-risk intervention, high-risk intervention, disease management, condition management, wellness incentives, and other components agreed upon by the City and the Unions.

The City shall retain a consultant to assist in developing a plan for a comprehensive, wellness and prevention program for the City and to assist in making program adjustments.

A Wellness and Prevention Committee shall be established to assist the consultant in the design of the Wellness and Prevention Program and to provide oversight of the program. The Wellness and Prevention Committee shall be comprised of nine union members appointed by the unions and three management representatives appointed by the Mayor.

The City has agreed that two of the nine union members on the Wellness and Prevention Committee shall be from the Milwaukee Police Association, one member from Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Association, Lo-215 , two members from District Council 48 and, pending final agreement by all four unions, one member representing Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council and IBEW Lo494 Electrical Group, Fire Equipment Dispatchers and Machine Shop.

The City has also agreed to allow other union presidents and union staff representatives or business agents to attend and participate in all Committee meetings, but only the nine members of the Committee will be allowed to officially make decisions and/or vote if necessary.

Decisions shall be made by consensus among committee members present. Consensus shall be reached when ten committee members agree. No decisions shall be made by the committee that requires employees to pay additional out-of-pocket costs unless it is ratified individually by every City bargaining unit. However, the committee may decide to provide additional lump sum compensation to employees, reduce an out-of-pocket or monthly expense, or provide some other type of benefit without ratification by the bargaining units. No decision made by the Committee or lack of decision made by the Committee shall be subject to any aspect of the various grievance procedures, complaint procedures, court action, or any other type of dispute resolution mechanism.

The City shall develop an RFP and solicit bids from third party vendors qualified to implement the City wellness and prevention program. Upon conclusion of the bidding process, the City shall meet with the unions to review the results of the RFP. The Committee shall decide on the vendors giving due consideration to all City polices associated with the selection procedures. The City shall not spend more than two million dollars, including the cost of conducting the HRA, on the Wellness and Prevention Program.