

**Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC)**  
**April 25, 2024**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

[In these minutes: Welcome; Fairview Specialty Pharmacy Plan Review; Fairview Specialty Pharmacy Employee Survey Results; 2023 Annual Report; BAC Elections Results]

**PRESENT:** Dale Swanson (chair), Linda R Blake, Lynn Blewett, Mary Blissenbach, Karen M Chapin, Scott W Creer, Rikita Davis, Kim Dery, Alexis M Elder, Shannon L Farrell, Laura Fiero, Nancy L. Fulton, Maria J Hanratty, Nora Hayes, Jackson Kerr, Katie Kolodge, Kim Little, Shane M Lueck, Russell V Luepker, Jennifer J Marshall, Ryan Reisdorfer, Mary Rohman Kuhl, Shereen S Sabet, Libby Stille, Douglas C Swyter, Greg Thurston

**GUESTS:** Kari Amundson, vice president, specialty development; Ann McNamara, director of clinical development; Mel Nelson, director of specialty pharmacy services; Phoneko (Kal) Soundara, specialty account **manager**; and Ross Otto, director payer strategy relations, Fairview Pharmacy Services

**1. Welcome**

Chair Dale Swanson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Fairview Specialty Pharmacy Plan Review**

Kari Amundson, vice president, specialty development; Ann McNamara, director of clinical development; Mel Nelson, director of specialty pharmacy services; Phoneko (Kal) Soundara, specialty account **manager**; and, Ross Otto, director payer strategy relations, Fairview Pharmacy Services gave a [presentation](#) to the committee that went over the Specialty Pharmacy plan provided by Fairview. The presentation included key terms, services and capabilities, member experience data, and cost & trend management.

In response to an inquiry from the committee after the presentation, the presenters said that the companies selling drugs for inflammatory **conditions** are spending a lot of marketing money on the new drugs, but the University can decide which drugs they choose to cover.

**2. Fairview Specialty Pharmacy Employee Survey Results**

Greg Thurston reviewed the employee [comments](#) from the Benefits survey with the committee.

**3. 2023 Annual Report**

Douglas Swyter reviewed the [2023 Health Plan performance review](#) with the committee.

**4. BAC Election Results**

- BAC Chair- 2-year term- Lynn Blewett
- Vice Chair- 1-year term- Amy Monahan

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