Our Minnesota Self-Funded User Group was formed on its first monthly meeting: November 2011. Our Group meets monthly in peer-to-peer working sessions at Golden Valley, MN.

**Goal:** Our Group’s goal is peer-to-peer learning through sharing experiences in order to continuously increase knowledge, expertise and confidence in employee healthcare plan decision processes and management with emphasis on transparency and understanding the “self-funding” plan option.

**Purpose:** Our Group’s purpose is to advance knowledge in order to increase capabilities to effectively manage employee healthcare programs and to provide peer-to-peer assistance to those who are exploring the self-funding option.

**Value Proposition:** The value proposition for participants and their organizations is that the Group is a peer-to-peer resource in support of continuous improvement of quality and cost-effectiveness of organizations’ employee health programs for the benefit of organizations’ stakeholders.

**Functions:**

1. Peer-to-peer communications and support with the goal of continuously improving knowledge, confidence and resources in employee healthcare program management;

2. Peer-to-peer support for those who have responsibilities in their organizations for evaluating employee healthcare program options including self-funding or are moving along the path to self-funding;

3. Continuously expanding and improving the Group’s Knowledge Base, including our “Self-Funding Road Map.”

**Participation** is encouraged for administrators and labor leaders of all MN public school districts regardless of their affiliations with health plan carriers, third party administrators (TPAs) and re-insurance companies; administrators of other public sector organizations are welcome.

**Sponsorship** in the form of encouragement, facilitation and support is underwritten by PreferredOne; however the Group members manage the Group’s functions, agendas, knowledge base and activities.

**Educational Outreach:** Our Group provides panels of Group members for presentations and workshops that are appropriate in furthering the Group’s goals and purpose. Examples of such activities include:

- MASBO Conference (Breezy Point) workshop May 2012 and 2014;
- MASBO Winter Conference “Marketplace” workshop, February 2015;
- MASBO Institute (St. Paul) February 2013 and 2014;
- MASA Fall Conference (Brainerd) October 2012;
- State Negotiators panel presentation February 2012;
- Southern MN Education Cooperative (7 district joint powers group) self-funded workshop for administrators and labor leaders at Adams MN, October 2016
- Willmar Public Schools self-funded workshop for labor leaders, December 2016;

**Meetings and Contact Information:**

Our Group meetings are usually held on the second Friday of every month at Golden Valley, MN.

To be added to our Group’s distribution list or for additional information, please contact the Group’s facilitators, Dennis Dahlman at 612.750.9780 (dennis@ddahlman.com) or Thom Sturgeon at 612.508.6889 (thom@self-fundedusergroup.org), or contact one of our Group’s participants (please see our list of Participating School Districts on the following page).
PARTICIPATING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Anoka-Hennepin Schools
The Blake School
Bloomington Public Schools
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District
Cambridge – Isanti Public Schools
Centennial Public Schools
Eastern Carver County Public Schools
Eden Prairie Public Schools
Elk River Public Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Forest Lake Public Schools
Fridley Public Schools
Hastings Public Schools
Hopkins Public Schools
Hudson (WI) School District
Intermediate District 287
Intermediate School District 917
Lakeville Public Schools
Marshall Public Schools
Minneapolis Public Schools
Minnetonka Public Schools
Moorhead Public Schools
Osseo Public Schools
Princeton Public Schools
Prior Lake Savage Area Public Schools
Richfield Public Schools
Robbinsdale Public Schools
Rochester Public Schools
Rosemount - Apple Valley - Eagan Public Schools
Roseville Public Schools
St. Francis Public Schools
Shakopee Public Schools
Spring Lake Park Schools
Wayzata Public Schools
Westonka Public Schools
West St. Paul Public Schools
White Bear Lake Public Schools
Willmar Public Schools

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