

## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

TO: GCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Jennifer Flores, Admin Office Manager

**DATE:** December 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4: Discuss and Consider for Approval an Anthem Blue Cross Health Plan to Replace Existing Blue Shield of California Plan for District Employees for Upcoming Calendar Year 2019

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the following action:

1. Approve Anthem Blue Cross Health Plan to Replace Existing Blue Shield of California Plan for District Employees for Calendar Year 2019

## **BACKGROUND**

The District currently subscribes to a Blue Shield of California Plan for its full time employees. The District's health plan and ancillary benefits are brokered through Suess Insurance out of Sonora. Annually, prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> when plan changes and increases are published, Suess Insurance works with District Management to inform them of the increases, and options available to the District that best fit based on the approved budget and that are in compliance with the current MOU.

This year the District's existing plan will increase by 9% and the "max-out-of-pocket" for a family will increase from \$14,000 to \$15,100. Suess Insurance recommends that the District move to an Anthem Blue Cross plan that will also represent a 9% increase, but offers a lower calendar year deductible and "max-out-of-pocket" expense for the employee.

The bargaining unit has met and approved the health plan change.

## **Attachment:**

1. Health Plan Comparison