



## **Remember!**

- **Lines are muted**
- **Questions can be asked via chatbox on your zoom screen**
- **Messaging between participants via zoom is disabled**

# Communications Subcommittee Open Forum Meeting

February 2, 2021

# Communications Subcommittee

## Purpose Statement

To provide oversight and direction to the communication plan for employer-members and plan participants including defining objectives, determining topics and identifying use of digital and print materials that will be developed and implemented by Oswald Companies

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# Agenda



Trust Website Updates: Where to Find What



Communication Flow Chart Overview



Member Feedback



Upcoming Events

# Trust Website Updates

- Creation and evolution of the newly designed Trust Website: [ny44.e1b.org](http://ny44.e1b.org)
  - Easier access to all Plan information for each region
  - Up-to-date with the latest Trust information (especially during these fluid times)
  - Access to all Trust documents, contact information, and all current participating schools



# Trust Website Updates

- Creation of customized landing pages for each school
- If you'd like a customized landing page for your organization just send us an email at [NY44@oswaldcompanies.com](mailto:NY44@oswaldcompanies.com)



 |  **The Little Schoolhouse**

## Welcome NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust Enrollees!

We've created this landing page specifically for you to make it a little easier to find what you're looking for at our website.

As you may know, the website has four different sections. You can click on any of those tiles to go to that section. Or, to make it simple:

The Little Red Schoolhouse is part of the Western Region so click [HERE](#) to go directly to that page.

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The Little Red Schoolhouse also participates in the Dental Plan offered by the Trust so you can click [HERE](#) to find out more about those benefits.

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Interested in learning more about the NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust? Great – just click [HERE](#) to go to that section.

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Be sure to read the latest Newsletter written to help keep enrollees informed – just click [HERE](#).

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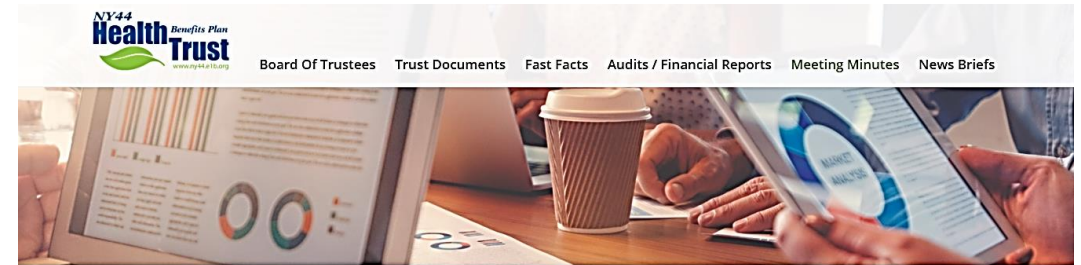
**IF YOU NEED TO REACH ONE OF THE CONTACTS AT YOUR SCHOOL WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE:**

# Where to Find: Important Documents & Trust Information



## Where to Find:

- Board Meeting Minutes
  - <https://www.ny44.e1b.org/about/meeting-minutes/>
- Monthly News Briefs
  - <https://www.ny44.e1b.org/about/news-briefs/>
- Trustee Contact Information
  - <https://www.ny44.e1b.org/about/board/>



### 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting #113  
 NY44 Board Meeting #113 Agenda  
 NY44 Trust Financial Report to Board  
 Board Meeting Presentation Video

### 2021 Sub-Committee Documents

2021 Sub-Committee Calendar  
 2021 Communications Calendar



Board Of Trustees Trust Documents Fast Facts Audits / Financial Reports Meeting Minutes News Briefs

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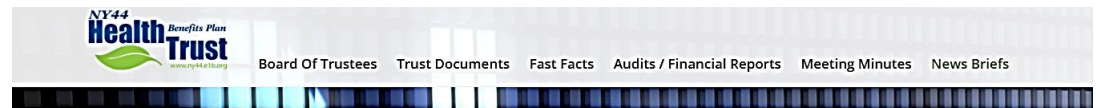
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News Briefs are summaries of information from Board of Trustees Meetings and other related items.

### 2021

January - 2021

### 2020

Year End Newsletter

December - 2020

November - 2020

October - 2020

September - 2020

August - 2020

July - 2020

June - 2020

May - 2020

April - 2020 Digital Newsletter

March - 2020

February - 2020

January - 2020

# Where to Find: Important Documents & Trust Information



## Where to Find:

- 2021 Open Forum Calendar and future board meeting dates
- <https://www.ny44.e1b.org/about/meeting-minutes/>



## NY44 Trust 2021 Subcommittee Open Forum Calendar

| Channel                                   | Audience  | Format  | Jan                                  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr | May                   | Jun                   | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Monthly Call for each Subcommittee        | Subcommittee Members  | Oswald schedules, sets agenda and leads call                |                                      |      |      |     |                       |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|   | Communications  | 45 Minute Call  |                                      | X    |      |     |                       |                       |     |     | X   |     |     |     |
|   | Finance   | 45 Minute Call  |                                      |      | X    |     |                       |                       |     |     |     | X   |     |     |
|   | Population Health   | 45 Minute Call  |                                      |      |      |     |                       |                       | X   |     |     |     |     | X   |
|   | Benefits  | 45 Minute Call  |                                      |      |      | X   |                       |                       |     |     |     |     | X   |     |
|   | Innovation  | 45 Minute Call  | X                                    |      |      |     |                       |                       |     |     | X   |     |     |     |
| Zoom "Open Forum" Meetings with Districts | Heads of District Labor and Management <i>plus</i> Administrative Staff | Zoom updates from Subcommittees (varies by month)           |                                      |      |      |     | OE Updates (5/1-6/30) | OE Updates (5/1-6/30) |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| In-Person Regional Meetings               | Heads of District Labor and Management <i>plus</i> Administrative Staff | NY44 Staff facilitates logistics, Oswald coordinates agenda | Tentatively scheduled for April 2021 |      |      |     |                       |                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Board Meeting Dates                       |   |   | 1/21                                 | 2/25 | 3/25 | --  | 5/20                  | 6/24                  | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |

# Where to Find: New Carrier Information

## Where to Find:

- New Dental Carrier Information



Medical Dental Vision Pharmacy Wellness How To Pay Less Forms & Documents

### New Dental Plan!



NY44 is pleased to announce we transitioned our NY44 Trust Dental Benefits Plan from ProBenefits to Guardian® effective January 1, 2021.

This change will bring access to a larger selection of in-network dentists along with new value-added benefits, all while keeping the same great dental plan that you are used to having.

#### FINDING AN IN-NETWORK PROVIDER IS EASY!

Guardian has a large provider network—so chances are your dentist is already part of the Guardian network. You can check to see if your dentist participates or to find a dentist near you by visiting the Guardian website [HERE](#).

You and your covered members will have access to Guardian's Value Added benefits such as:

- College Tuition Benefit Rewards Program
- Annual Maximum Rollover Benefit
- byte at-home orthodontic treatment

#### RESOURCES

Schedule of Coverage  
Dental Grid Effective  
January 1, 2021

Dental Plan Change  
FAQ's

Guardian Dental  
Application

Guardian Enrollment  
Packet

Guardian Anytime  
Registration  
Information

Guardian Anytime  
Benefits



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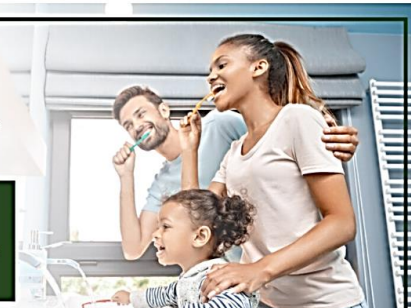
## Dental

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#### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

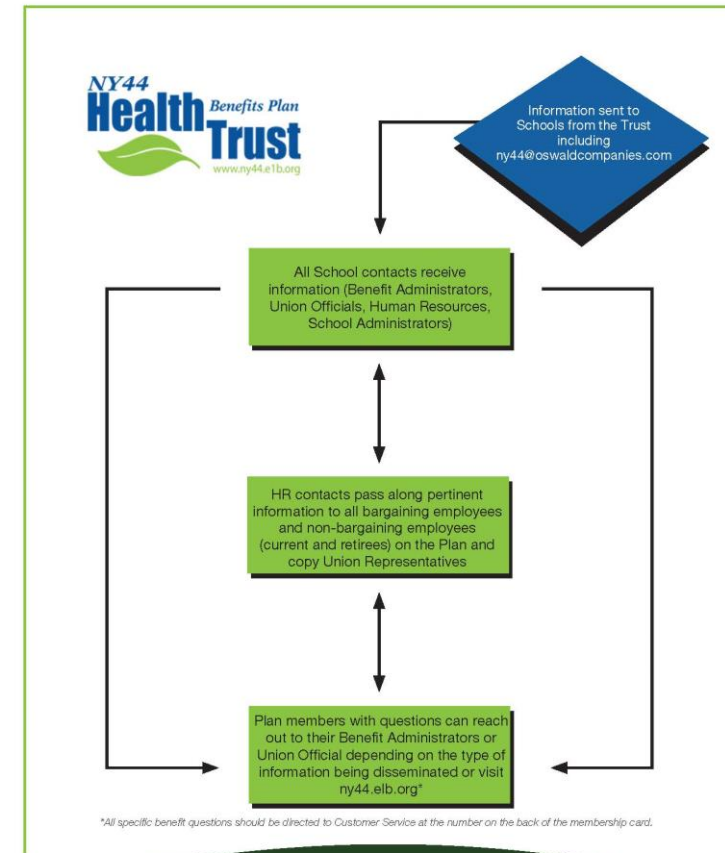
- If you are currently enrolled, your coverage will automatically transition to the new Guardian plan.
- You will receive a new Guardian identification card just prior to January 1st. *Don't Forget!* Provide a copy of your new card to your dental office for services starting January 1, 2021.





# Reminder! Communications Flowchart Overview

- Creation of how information flows and is circulated from Oswald to Union Presidents, Schools and Human Resources
- This newly created flowchart will help ensure that correct information is disseminated through the proper channels, and will make sure that all members have access to information sent out from The Trust
- We encourage you to follow this flowchart so all necessary, pertinent information is communicated to Trust Plan Members.
- Information from the Trust email account for Members includes:
  - Monthly Wellness Newsletters
  - General Plan Updates & Information



# Member Feedback

## We love to hear from you!

*I just received [the newsletter] in the mail on Saturday. There was such great information in it!!! From benefits to Medicare and everything in between. I hope that everyone reads this.*

*Information is in the newsletter, the website and we have information on our website. We are in the process of updating ours with questions and answers about retirement.*

*Keep up the great work! Your effort is definitely appreciated!! 😊*

# Upcoming Events

- **Guardian Dental Tuition Benefit Webinar**
  - February 10, 2021
    - Two times slots available: 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM
- **Trust Board Meeting**
  - February 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM
- **Finance Subcommittee Open Forum**
  - March 2021 (day & time TBD)

## What would schools like to see from our committee?

- Send us an email! You can reach us at [NY44@oswaldcompanies.com](mailto:NY44@oswaldcompanies.com)



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Feedback?  
Comments?

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