

**Idaho Immunization Assessment Board  
Board Meeting, Tuesday January 16, 2024, 3:00 PM MST**

Idaho Department of Insurance, Conference Room A, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702

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**Board Members Present:**

- Norm Varin, Chair – PacificSource Health Plans
- Chase Ropelato, Vice Chair – Idaho Power
- Susan Fudge, Secretary – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Dr. Perry Brown – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Jayson Ronk – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Adrean Cavener, Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- James Pegram – J.R. Simplot Company
- Wes Trexler – Idaho Department of Insurance (Representing Director Cameron)

**Board Members Absent:**

- Representative Dori Healey – Idaho House of Representatives
- Senate – position vacant

**Others Present:**

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- Shannon Hohl – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Sarah Leeds - Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Martin Bilbao – Bilbao & Company
- Niko Lostra – Bilbao & Company
- Nate Fisher, Jr. – Idaho Power
- Dairyn Valencia – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Marin Axtell – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Matt Steen – Office of the Attorney General

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by the Chair, Norm Varin. A quorum was present.

The Chair introduced, Adrean Cavener, who spoke a few words on her background. Has been with BlueShield for 18 months. She has a history in advocacy.

### **Approval of Minutes from October 2nd, 2023 meeting:**

Review of minutes from the meeting of October 2nd, 2023. No changes made and minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Financial Report: as of 12/31/2023 – Wes Trexler**

Mr. Trexler reviewed the financial report as of 12/31/2023 for Assessment Year 2023 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Total assessment amount due for CY2023/SFY2024 is \$19,905,480.
- A total of \$17,857,755.00 was collected for CY2023/SFY2024 through 12/31/2023.
- \$1,528,940.00 was collected in September 2023, \$519,050.00 was collected in October 2023, \$0.00 was collected in November 2023 and \$2,047,990.00 was collected in December 2023.
- Refunds totaled \$265.00.
- The IDHW fund balance was \$8,178,750.
- In July, \$8,998,500 was transferred to IDHW; transfers for future months have not yet been made due to issues with Luma, the state's new software program.
- IDHW reported cash expenditures of \$393,805.42 during the first quarter of SFY2024, which ended 9/30/2023 and \$6,609,639.61 in cash expenditures in the second quarter or SFY2024 ending 12/31/2023.

Mr. Varin asked if by the DOI holding funds due to the new accounting system was IDHW still able to meet financial obligations related to the program. Sarah Leeds with IDHW stated that there have been no concerns raised about the way funds are being managed.

Mr. Varin raised questions on page three. Based on YTD expenditures, does the IDHW believe that the amount the board voted on and approved will be sufficient to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Ms. Olson from the IDHW stated that she believes the next 6 months will see less expenditures and the funds will not be exhausted.

*Motion to approve financial report by Adrean Cavener; seconded by Dr. Brown; passed unanimously.*

### **New Business:**

1. Chair asked Ms. Hohl to review a request from Benecard for a refund due to reporting number of lives incorrectly, 491 were reported and the number should have been 114. Ms. Hohl reminded the Chairman that the board has the right to determine how the refunds would be refunded. Motion was made and seconded. Dr. Brown raised a question as to any concerns about the accuracy of this new number. Ms. Hohl and Mr. Trexler both stated that the DOI depends on entities to self-report. Board discussed how to pay the refund. Motion to pay refund with one payment, unanimously approved.
2. Chairman asked Ms. Hohl for update on survey. Survey is not open at this time due to some technical issues. The DOI hopes to have all issues resolved and the survey open next week.
3. Sunset for the program is June 30, 2024, if legislature does not act. Board would like to extend sunset again. Goal is to only change the date and not the name of the program. New sunset date

would be another five years from the end of this sunset date. Discussed cost to the State and Idaho employers and citizens and adding that information to the fiscal note to the proposed bill. It was noted that this is not normally done. It would be part of the talking points in working with interested parties.

4. Dr. Brown asked about the when the RSV vaccine would be discussed. This topic will be on the April meeting as part of the financial discussion.

**Next meeting date:**

The next meeting date was set for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2:00pm

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09pm MST.