

**Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday April 08, 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
- Dean Cameron – Director, Idaho Department of Insurance

Board Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

- Wes Trexler – Idaho Department of Insurance
- 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
- Marin Axtell – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Michael Witry – Office of the Attorney General
- Matt Steen – Office of the Attorney General
- Charlotte – Member of the public

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm by the Chair, Norm Varin. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2024, meeting:

Review of minutes from the meeting of January 16, 2024. 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 03/31/2024 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 \$19,905,745.00 was collected for CY2023/SFY2024 through 03/31/2024.
- \$2,047,990.00 was collected in March of 2024. \$0.00 was collected in January of 2024 and \$0 was collected in February of 2024.
- Refunds totaled \$26,655.00.
- The IDHW fund balance was \$6,183,695.95.
- In January of 2024, \$4,110,260.00 was transferred to IDHW.
- IDHW reported cash expenditures of \$393,805.42 during the first quarter of SFY2024, which ended 9/30/2023, \$6,609,639.61 in cash expenditures in the second quarter or SFY2024 ending 12/31/2023 and \$5,341,933.67 for the third quarter SFY2024.

The fund has collected approximately one million dollars more than expenditures currently. Mr. Trexler reviewed the forecasted amounts and the actual amounts.

Motion to approve financial report by Chase Ropelato; seconded by Adrean Cavener; passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Chair Provided an update on the sunset for the Immunization Board. The sunset was extended for five years to 2029. If the board continues to operate well the idea of asking to remove the sunset and make the board permanent was discussed. Dr. Brown suggested that the board bring the request to the legislation at the three-year mark rather than waiting for the end of the sunset.
2. Chair asked Ms. Olson from the Department of Health and Welfare to go over possible additions to the list of vaccines/immunizations the program covers. Ms. Olson presented four possible additions, listed below. Ms. Olson reviewed the and discussed with the board the indication for each of the vaccines/immunizations, the population the vaccines would be given to, and the cost of each. After reviewing the possible additions, the Chair asked Mr. Trexler to bring the code up that the Immunization Board operates under specifically the definition of vaccines under the code. This is found in Idaho Insurance Code 41-6002 (8). After reviewing the definition of vaccine Both Dr. Hahn and Dr. Brown indicated that only the Mpox would fall under the definition of a vaccine. The board discussed possibly approaching the legislature during the next session to have the definition changed to allow for additional immunizations.

Dr. Hahn made a motion to add Mpox, Sue Fudge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Mpox Vaccine (JYNNEOS™)
 - b. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Maternal Vaccine (Abrysvo™)
 - c. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) (BEYFORTUS™)
 - d. COVID-19 Vaccines (Multiple Presentations)
3. The Chair asked Ms. Olson to review the suggested assessment for the coming year. Ms. Olson presented a funding need of \$20,645,231.00 based on the current survey number the proposed assessment per child for SFY2025 was \$68.03. After discussion of the proposal, Director Cameron suggested leaving the assessment at the current rate of \$70.00 per child. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

Director Cameron motioned for the \$70.00 assessment, Jayson Ronk seconded the motion, the passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting date was set July 15th, 2024, 2:00pm

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm MST.