

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting, Monday, January 24, 2022, 3:00 PM MST
Idaho Department of Insurance, Conference Room A, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702
And Webex Meeting number (access code): 2453 196 2502
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Board Members Present:

- Director Dean Cameron – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Norm Varin, Chair – PacificSource Health Plans
- Chase Ropelato, Vice Chair – Idaho Power
- Susan Fudge, Secretary – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Dr. Perry Brown – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Mark Ruszczyk – Regence BlueShield of Idaho

Board Members Absent:

- Senator Lee Heider
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- James Pegram – J.R. Simplot Company
- Carrier representative – position vacant
- House of Representatives – position vacant

Others Present:

- Reneé Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Shannon Hohl – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Kathy McGill – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by the Chair, Norm Varin, who reviewed the agenda. Roll call indicated that a quorum was present. Mr. Varin introduced Mr. Ruszczyk, who provided some information on his background for the Board. In turn, Mr. Varin reviewed the mission of the Board and its history.

Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting:

Review of minutes from the meeting of July 26, 2021. *Motion to approve by Dr. Brown; seconded by Mr. Ropelato; approved unanimously.*

Financial Report: as of 12/31/2021 – Reneé Iverson

Ms. Iverson reviewed the financial report as of 12/31/2021 for Assessment Year 2021 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, highlighting the following:

- As of 12/31/2021, \$14,639,190 has been collected for SFY 2022.
- \$1,893,450 remains to be collected from the two carriers who pay quarterly. Their fourth quarterly payment is due by March 15, 2022.
- \$6,059,379.80 has been spent on vaccines for the second quarter of FY2022, which ended 12/31/2021.
- The Assessment Fund cash balance is \$7,594,454.78 as of 12/31/2021.

Motion to approve financial report by Mr. Ruszczuk; seconded by Ms. Fudge; passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Status of Immunization Assessment Survey – Ms. McGill. Ms. McGill explained that while the survey usually opens for reporting January 15, this year there have been some IT issues related to DOI's change over to a new website that caused a delay. She anticipated that the survey would be open for reporting January 25, and expressed confidence that the companies would still have plenty of time to report, as the surveys are due March 15.

Dr. Brown asked whether the companies self-report, or if the Department is able to independently verify the information. Ms. McGill replied that while they do self-report, the DOI has the data going back quite a few years for most companies, and so are able to identify and check on any unusual increases or decreases in Idaho members. The companies also complete other surveys, so the DOI is able to see what was reported for those surveys and identify any discrepancies.

- b. Refund of \$180 Overpayment to Zenith American Solutions – Ms. McGill. Zenith, a third-party administrator, had paid \$180 for three dependents who were later discovered to have also been included in the payment from an insurer. The DOI verified that the insurer had paid for these three children and issued a refund check for \$180 to Zenith, after prior notification to the Board in accordance with the Plan of Operation.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Mr. Varin asked that a two-hour time slot be reserved, as the Board will be voting on the per-dependent assessment amount that will be needed to fund vaccines for SFY2024.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 MST.