

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 22, 2016  
Department of Insurance, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID – 3rd Floor Conference Room A

**Board Members Present:**

- Ted Epperly, M.D. - Family Medicine Residency of Idaho – Chair
- Chris Pickford – Boise School District – Vice Chair
- Dean Cameron, Director – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Richard Rainey, M.D. – Regence BlueShield of Idaho

**Board Members Absent:**

- Mike Hodge - Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc.
- Fred Martin – Idaho Senate
- Unfilled board member position
- Brian Fellner – Blue Cross of Idaho

**Others Present:**

- Rafe Hewett—Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Tamaire Olson—Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Elaine Mellon – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Renee Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:19 PM MST.

**Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2015 meeting:**

One typo was corrected. Motion to accept minutes made by Jeff Thompson; motion seconded by Dr. Chris Pickford. Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

**Financial Report:** Elaine Diner presented the **Adjustment Report (see attached)** and related Financial Report.

**Adjustment Report:** (see attached)

1. **Adjustment to Survey: Aetna Life Insurance** requested an adjustment to their survey and a refund of \$87,945. Aetna originally reported 2087 dependents (B-number on survey) and has reduced it on the revised survey to 734 dependents; reducing the B-number by 1353. Aetna sent a letter of explanation saying that these 1353 female members had separate coverage for prescription contraception and were thus counted twice. The board discussed the number and has asked Elaine Diner to send a letter to Aetna Life Insurance requiring further explanation and a more detailed accounting of the survey numbers. This survey adjustment requires a vote, which was not done because further explanation is needed.
2. **Unanticipated Collections: PacificSource** has voluntarily notified the board of under-reporting dependent counts (B-number) for the years 2011 to 2014 for the following entities:
  - PacificSource – carrier
  - PacificSource – TPA
  - PacificSource – Manley Admin – TPA

The attached handout shows a chart of the previously reported survey B-numbers and the revised numbers. All changes were additional counts. The chart shows different assessment rates, depending on the survey year. The total amount due from PacificSource companies is \$208,568.49. Dr. Rich Rainey moved to approve the survey changes without penalty (since this error was reported voluntarily); Rep. Jeff Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. A quorum was present.

3. **Self-Funded Plans Inc.** (TPA) (for Robert Weed Plywood Corp, Medical Benefits Plan) submitted a late survey and has paid \$780 for the 2015 survey year. This is a notification, not a vote, since this is within the administrator's authority.
4. **BeneSys, Inc.** (TPA) (formerly A & I Benefit Plan Administration) submitted a late survey and has paid \$2,275 for the 2015 survey year. . This is a notification, not a vote, since this is within the administrator's authority.

**Refunds:**

1. **Symetra Insurance Co.** had requested a refund of \$64,350. Previously on 7/15/15 the board had approved refunding only what could be verified. Elaine Diner was able to verify that other companies had paid for 280 dependents. The amount of the refund to be issued is \$18,200. The check will be sent when there are enough funds in the Immunization Fund (at Dept. of Insurance) from other payments, e.g. quarterly installments that will be paid in March.
2. **Aetna Life Insurance Co.** – refund requested due to survey change (see above), but will not be issued until Aetna Life provides further explanation; vote to be held at the April 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Financial Report:** (see attached) as of 2/15/16. The numbers from the Adjustment Report get carried over to the Financial Report.

Line 15: Unanticipated Collections are \$1,308,639.35

Line 19: Refunds to Carriers: (\$120,403.08)

Line 20: Carrier Population Adjustments: (\$350,285). This is a reduction to the Original Budget.

Line: 28: Assessments Collected Year to Date from Carriers: \$14,291,273.36

Line 29: Amounts to be Collected to Achieve Operation Budget: \$323,325.32. This is the amount to reach the operation budget, however we know we will receive more than this amount since the final quarterly payments due are over \$3 million.

Line 39: Total Vaccine Expenditures: \$9,442,294 is the amount spent by the Dept. of Health & Welfare year to date. Dr. Rich Rainey asked about the projected expenditures for the rest of the year. Tamaire Olson, Dept. of Health & Welfare answered that they are expecting between \$1 million to \$1.5 million in "carry-forward" to next year, not including the unanticipated collections. So the total anticipated carry-forward will be approximately \$2.6 million. Tamarie said that the only unknown is what the demand for Meningococcal-B vaccine will be.

Dr. Ted Epperly, chair, asked for a general approval of the financials. Jeff Thompson approved the financial report; Dr. Rich Rainey seconded the approval. The board unanimously approved the financial report.

**Old Business:**

1. **Self-Administered Plans** – education. Ben Wright was to give an overview of the topic, however he has left Ameriben, so this topic will be deferred to the next meeting, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Update on Non-responders from 2015 survey:** A listing was handed out. Companies shaded in grey were eliminated for various reasons (e.g. not writing disability coverages; some surrendered their licenses). Elaine Diner will work with the DOI to see if these companies have a current license and the DOI can send a letter asking for a response to the survey.
  
3. **TRICARE Update, including KidsVax:** Rafe Hewitt, program manager for Immunizations said that there are two primary actions that KidsVax is pursuing:  
First action: There is an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2016, requiring TRICARE to pay into the various state universal vaccine assessment programs. The final draft will have to be approved by the Senate (Senate NDAA amendment). There will also have to be a similar House NDAA amendment drafted. To date the amendment text has not been finalized. Senator Patty Murray (Washington State) is leading the effort to get this NDAA amendment passed. KidsVax Executive Director is 70 - 80 % confident that the amendment will get into the 2016 NDAA bill. Idaho DHW has drafted a governor's letter to the Idaho congressmen asking them to support the bill.

Second action: Paul Hutter, General Counsel for the Defense Health Agency (TRICARE) is setting up a draft pilot program by the end of March, which will leverage the states' authority for value-based purchasing of vaccines – in other words, allow Tricare to participate in state vaccine programs. Description of this pilot program will be sent to KidsVax, so that any changes can be sent in prior to the June 30 2016 target date. Dr. Chris Hahn said that after years of trying to get funding from TRICARE, this seems like a real possibility for getting funds.

In response to a question from Dr. Rich Rainey, Dr. Chris Hahn said that the Idaho legislative budget has, in the past, included funds to cover the shortfall to cover the TRICARE vaccines and that is again included in the current budget.

#### **New Business:**

1. Requested refunds for 2015 assessment – needs a vote. This was discussed under the Financial Report.
2. Increased surveys from prior years – needs a vote. This was also discussed under the Financial Report.
3. Administrator change: Elaine Diner has submitted her resignation to Director Dean Cameron as Administrator for the Idaho Immunization Board to be effective at the end of March. She will remain available to help with the transition through the end of June. The Administrative duties will be assumed by someone from the Department of Insurance. That person has not yet been determined.

#### **Next meeting:**

Monday, April 4, 2016 – Department of Insurance, Conference Room 3A, 700 W. State St, Boise, ID at 3:00 PM MDT.

#### **Agenda Topics for next meeting:**

1. Self-Administered plans – information
2. Non-responders - update
3. TRICARE update RE: KidsVax
4. Vote on Aetna Life refund
5. Start process to remove the sunset clause on legislation

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Thompson; motion seconded by Dr. Rich Rainey. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Quorum was present. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM MST.

Minutes by Elaine Diner, Administrator for the Idaho Immunization Assessment Board.

**Attachments (handouts presented at meeting):**

1. Adjustment Report
2. Financial Report
3. PacificSource Survey Revisions