

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 4, 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
- Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Richard Rainey, M.D. – Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- Brian Fellner – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Norm Varin – PacificSource
- Tom Donovan – Idaho Department of Insurance (for Dean Cameron)

Board Members Absent:

- Mike Hodge - Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc.
- Fred Martin – Idaho Senate
- Dean Cameron, Director – Idaho Department of Insurance

Others Present:

- Rafe Hewett—Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Sandy Metro – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Kathy McGill – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Kelly Grady – Idaho Department of Insurance

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM MST.

Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2016 meeting:

Brian Fellner was not present at the February 22 meeting and should be marked as absent. Old Business item 2. edited for clarity. Motion to accept minutes made by Representative Jeff Thompson; motion seconded by Dr. Christine Hahn. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Sandy Metro and Dr. Christine Hahn presented the **Financial Report**.

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 3/31/16.

Line 10: Assessment as Voted: \$15,225,405
Line 12: Assessment as BILLED: \$15,085,286.86
Line 14: Total Budget after Pre-billing Adjustments: \$17,968,228.86
Line 16: Total Adjusted: \$19,276,868.21
Line: 28: Assessments Collected Year to Date from Carriers: \$14,291,273.36
Line 30: Funds Transferred to: \$14,291,274.00 – matches line 32
Line 32: Funds Received by the IDHW: \$14,291,274
Line 37: Vaccine Expenditures, Quarter 3 updated: \$4,662,226
Line 39: Total Vaccine Expenditures: \$10,653,714 is the amount spent by the Dept. of Health & Welfare year to date. 60% of the budget after adjustments.

Adjustment Report:

1. Received two final quarterly payments and another one pending that will be coming in. Larger insurers can pay quarterly, instead of all at once, when payments are greater than \$50,000.

Old Business:

1. **Self-Administered Plans** – educational session. Chairman Epperly noted that Director Cameron had indicated prior to the meeting that he would seek someone to put together a TPA administrator education session. Will be carried over to July 25 meeting.
2. **Update on Non-responders from 2015 survey:** no new updates. Elaine Mellon is still trying to get current addresses. Working with Company Activities to track down contacts.
 - a. In response to a question from Brian Fellner, Dr. Chris Hahn said we're as accurate as we can be with the data we have available. In terms of a reasonableness test, data from the current year's report is compared to previous years. DOI & DHW to review the data and make a set of recommendations on accuracy determinations of kids to be assessed to the board. Motion was seconded by Brian Fellner. Dr. Rich Rainey added an amendment to the motion that the CDC reporting numbers are also brought to the board with an explanation. Motion passed unanimously.
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 at the end of 2016. Adam Smith out of Washington, House minority ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, has submitted draft statutory language as a member request for inclusion in the NDAA and has also been introduced from the Senate side. NDAA could pass as early as August, could be delayed until December, or after the presidential election.

Second action: Fred Potter, Executive Director for KidsVax, attended a meeting on March 18th with Brian Wither, General Counsel for the Defense Health Agency (TRICARE) regarding setting up a pilot program, which will leverage the state's authority for value-based purchasing of vaccines. The pilot program has been nixed due to interdepartmental disagreement.

Business will carry over to the next meeting for an update.

New Business:

1. Requested refunds for 2015 assessment – needs a vote. Still waiting on data. Will carry over to July 25 meeting.
2. Assessment for 2016 – set assessment rate. Dr. Christine Hahn reviewed the methodology: the ratio of 34.8% used in the assessment calculation formula represents Idaho's share of the overall annual cost, "Base assessment cost" (line 2 of the attached SFY2017 Vaccine Assessment as Proposed, April 4, 2016—attached).

The “Base assessment cost” is modified by a price variability factor, additional collections during SFY2016 and the estimated carry-over of unspent funds from SFY2016, to reach the amount of assessment that needs to be collected. The proposed per child assessment for SFY2017 would be \$59.30-\$74.51, depending on Meningitis B vaccine uptake.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) set a soft recommendation for the Meningitis B vaccine. There have been 2,129 doses distributed to date in SFY2016.

Dr. Rainey said that considering the two SFY2017 Vaccine Assessment proposals, the High Estimate is very high. The assessment number would need to be higher than the \$59.30 (Low Estimate), because there may be new recommendations from ACIP, but the \$74.54 (High Estimate) may only be necessary if there was an outbreak or epidemic.

Dr. Rainey moved that the assessment be set at \$67.50 per child; Brian Fellner seconded the motion. Representative Thompson moved for an even dollar amount for the assessment at \$68.00; Dr. Epperly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

3. Start process to remove sunset clause/data from carriers. Current sunset will expire June 30, 2017. Dr. Rainey wants to do a recalculation based on recent assessment to determine savings. Carriers will do their own calculations and return to the July 25th meeting with whether or not they are seeing savings. Will move forward with legislation to strike the sunset clause, barring any surprises in the calculations

Next meeting:

Monday, July 25, 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:

Quorum was not present. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM MST.

Minutes by Kelly Grady, Administrative Assistant for the Idaho Department of Insurance

Attachments (handouts presented at meeting):

1. Financial Report
2. Average Doses Distributed
3. SFY2017 Vaccine Assessment as Proposed – Low Estimate
4. SFY2017 Vaccine Assessment as Proposed – High Estimate
5. Vaccination Coverage 2008-2014
6. Meningitis B Vaccine, New ACIP Recommendation Cost Considerations for SFY2016
7. Funding Ratio for Federally and State-funded Vaccines