

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3, 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
- Richard Rainey, M.D. – Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- Fred Martin – Idaho Senate
- Brian Fellner – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Norm Varin – PacificSource
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Board Members Absent:

- Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives
- Mike Hodge - Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc.

Others Present:

- Rafe Hewett—Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Laren Walker – River 9 Consulting
- Diane Kopecky – River 9 Consulting
- Shad Priest – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Mike Reynoldson – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Reneé Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Terry Easley – Department of Insurance
- Sandy Metro – Department of Insurance
- Elaine Melon – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Kelly Grady – Idaho Department of Insurance

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM MST.

Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2016 meeting:

Motion to accept minutes made by Senator Fred Martin; motion seconded by Dr. Rainey. Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report: Reneé Iverson presented the **Financial Report**. Motion to accept enhanced reconciliation process made by Brian Fellner; no motion was required. Motion to approve financial report made by Senator Fred Martin; motion seconded by Dr. Richard Raney. Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 6/30/16.

Total Collections April through September: \$12,015,034.49
DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2016: \$6,508,313.68
SFY 2017 DHW Received Transfers: \$7,353,112.00
Orders and Obligations: \$4,666,083.00
Cash Expenditures: \$1,689,658.00

Fund Cash Balance: \$12,243,767.68

Reconciliation Report:

1. Asked River 9 Consulting for a reconciliation report at the time of assessment for a double check on the numbers.

Old Business:

1. **TRICARE Update, including KidsVax:** Rafe Hewitt, program manager for Immunizations said that our pursuit of TRICARE's nonpayment into the Assessment continues. This fiscal year, their nonpayment is being covered by the general fund. Section 575 within the NDAA is in a strong position to be included in the reconciled version at the Senate. They aren't expecting it to be passed until around Christmas.

Three issues that are impacting the bill are: the closing of Guantanamo Bay, McCain's proposal to overhaul the Department of Defense health system, and the Senate is looking like it's a 49/49 split with two seats on the fence. Will be looking for arrearage of approximately 3 million dollars for payment into the State's assessment fund.

2. **Adjustments to Financial Report:** covered in the financial report.
3. **Non-responders:** Haven't been able to get ahold of Capital Administrators to find out why they haven't paid.
4. **Non-payment of assessments/Contingency plan for the program:** Dr. Richard Rainey suggested a two-part contingency. Proposed to extend the sunset clause. Proposed adding § 41-6005(2) "In the event the board determines continuation of the vaccine assessment fund is no longer sustainable, no longer practical, or no longer necessary, the board may discontinue further assessments." Business held over to next meeting.
5. **Discussion – DHW/DOI process for reasonableness/accuracy of kids being assessed:** tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

1. **Administrator Update.** Contract agreement with River 9 Consulting.
2. **Supreme Court Decision.** John Keenan, Deputy Attorney General, said that the background of the decision is based on Gobielle v Liberty Mutual. Financial security of funds and reporting, record keeping of funds forces companies to maintain a heavy amount of record keeping. Vermont told Liberty they don't need to report. Michigan imposed minimal tax on insurers, carriers, and TPA for payments made under Medicaid and to submit records to the state. Idaho Attorney General found this would not have standing based on Idaho Law.

A letter was sent on August 12, 2016 to Allegiant and Blue Cross of Tennessee to let them know their protest is not appropriate. § 41-6005(3) says the Director may impose penalties at his discretion. Ideally will be resolved by next meeting. If payment is not resolved the Board will escalate at that time.

3. **Legislation.** Covered in non-payments of assessments/contingency plan for the program.

4. **Aetna refund.** Aetna Life submitted a duplicate assessment. They're requesting a refund for 1,353 lives which would be \$87,945 back to Aetna Life. Motion to approve refund made by Senator Fred Martin; motion seconded by Norm Varin. Motion passed unanimous.
5. **Comparison of vaccination costs.** Dr. Epperly proposed to strike item.

Next meeting:

Monday, December 5, 2016 – Department of Insurance, Conference Room 3A, 700 W. State St, Boise, ID at 3:00 PM MDT.

Agenda Topics for next meeting:

1. TRICARE
2. Non-responders
3. Legislation

Adjournment:

Quorum was present. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM MST.

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

Attachments (handouts presented at meeting):

1. Plan of Operations
2. Proposed changes to Plan of Operations
3. Exhibit A Assessments
4. Exhibit B Schedule of Financial
5. Financial Reports