

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2016
Department of Insurance, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID – 3rd Floor Conference Room A

Board Members Present:

- Chris Pickford, Vice Chair – Boise School District
- Dean Cameron, Director – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Richard Rainey, M.D. - Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- Senator Fred Martin– Idaho Senate
- Norm Varin, Secretary – PacificSource Health Plans
- Christine Hahn, M.D.– Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Representative Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives (phone)
- Mike Hodge, - Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc. (joined at 3:30 via telephone left at 4:30)

Board Members Absent:

- Ted Epperly, M.D., Chair - Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Brian Fellner, – Blue Cross of Idaho

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
- Reneé Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Elaine Melon – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Mike Reynoldson, Blue Cross of Idaho
- Judy Geier – Idaho Department of Insurance

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly was unable to attend so the meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM MST by Chris Pickford. She noted there was a quorum with five members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2016 meeting:

Motion to accept minutes made by Senator Fred Martin; motion seconded by Dr. Rainey. Grammatical correction to Old Business 1. Tricare Update. Minutes correct to read Rafe Hewitt, program manager for Immunization's said that pursuit of TRICARE's nonpayment into the Assessment "**continues**". River 9 will add the word "continues".

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report: Laren Walker presented the **Financial Report**. Noting that Regence did pay their quarterly assessment though it was late and note reflected in the financial statement. Laren suggested that going forward River 9 would send reminders to those payers with quarterly payments. Chris Pickford questioned if this action would require board approval and a possible amendment to the Plan of Operations. Director Cameron noted that just an email reminder from River 9 to payers with quarterly payments would not require either board action or a change to the Plan of Operations. Laren also noted that River 9 has some recommendations for changes to the financial report going forward. For future meetings, River 9 will submit financial reports both in the current format as well as their revised.

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 11/30/16.

Total Collections April through September: \$12,410,624.49
DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2016: \$6,508,313.68
SFY 2017 DHW Received Transfers: \$9,199,291.00
Orders and Obligations: \$5,763,027.00
Cash Expenditures: \$5,499,627.00
Fund Cash Balance: \$10,279,977.68

Old Business:

Past Due Assessment Update:

Voice mail contact has been made with Capital Administrators, but no advances towards collection. Allegiance protest is ongoing.

Dr. Rainey moved to request the Department of Insurance to take appropriate legal or administrative action to obtain payment of the \$21,556 assessment from Allegiance; motion seconded by Fred Martin. Quorum was present.

Director Cameron is hopeful that he can encourage Blue Cross of Tennessee to pay their assessment.

Dr. Rainey moved to request the Department of Insurance continue to work with Blue Cross of Tennessee and also to follow up with legal or administrative action to obtain payment of the \$45,968 assessment; motion seconded by Fred Martin. Quorum was present.

It was noted that a change to the sunset period for the program, currently set for July 1, 2017, is required in order to consider the future issue of potential non-payment and the corresponding impact to the financial viability of the program.

Non-payment of assessments/Contingency plan for the program:

There is a concern from the payers that they do not want to have to make up the shortfall in the assessment if there are payers who choose not to pay, primarily those being self-funded plans that may not pay based upon their interpretation of a recent Supreme Court decision. Senator Fred Martin proposed extending the sunset clause to allow the program to continue past July 1, 2017, then consider solutions to the potential non-payment of the assessment.

The Board continued to discuss the need to address the sunset clause and that they need to also address non-payments. Suggestions were made as if there can be pre-established financial thresholds when addressing a contingency plan for nonpayment. Director Cameron expressed concern that by adding additional language into a legislative solution could unnecessarily complicate the issue and negatively impact the ability to extend the sunset. Director Cameron suggested problems with non-payments should be handled at the Department of Insurance level. At this time, Director Cameron does not see the board or the Department reassessing the carriers that pay for the ones that do not.

It was noted that in statute, Director Cameron has the authority to defer all or a portion of an assessment if the business is in financial difficulty. That carrier can not issue any policies until it is paid, so they will continue to be liable. Director Cameron suggested that a change to the plan of operation may be a better route.

Motion to extend the sunset clause by two years until 7/1/2019 made by Fred Martin, second by Norm Varin. Senator Martin will carry it in the Senate, and Representative Thompson will carry it in the House. Quorum was present.

Motion request the other payers(carriers) get together to make suggestions for changes to the Plan of Operations related to handling the uncertainty of non- payment was made by Dr. Rainey, second by Fred Martin. Quorum was present.

TRICARE Update, including KidsVax:

Rafe discussed the passing of the language on December 2nd in the House that is now in the Senate that allows the Secretary of Defense to reimburse an amount for TRICARE. The state general fund has been paying around \$600,000. Director Cameron noted the state may need the general fund appropriation for another year to ensure continuity in the funding.

Discussion – DHW/DOI process for reasonableness/accuracy of kids being assessed: As the surveys come in they will be compared with prior years.

New Business:

River 9 was asked to forward a Word document copy of the Plan of Operations to all board members.

Next meeting:

Monday, February 13th – Department of Insurance, Conference Room 3A, 700 W. State St, Boise, ID at 3:00 PM MDT.

Agenda Topics for next meeting:

1. Financial Statement Presentation
2. Update on Past Due Assessment
3. Potential changes to the plan of operations to address impact of non-payment on the assessment to remaining payers
4. Status of 2017-2018 Surveys

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted by River 9 Consulting