

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2017
Department of Insurance, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID – 3rd Floor Conference Room A

Board Members Present:

- Chris Pickford, Vice Chair – Boise School District
- 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
- Mike Hodge, Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc. (joined at 3:30 via telephone left at 4:30)
- Representative Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives
- Ted Epperly, M.D., Chair - Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Elaine Mellon – for Director Cameron, Idaho Department of Insurance

Board Members Absent:

- Dean Cameron, Director – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Brian Fellner, BlueCross of Idaho

Others Present:

- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Marcia Witte, M.D. - Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Laren Walker – River 9 Consulting
- Diane Kopecky – River 9 Consulting
- Reneé Iverson – 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 start the meeting so Chris Pickford called the meeting to order at 3:05.

Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2016 meeting:

Chris Pickford directly asked Dr. Rainey if he felt his presentation from the last meeting was well represented in the minutes. He agreed that it was and a Motion to accept minutes was made by Senator Fred Martin; motion seconded by Representative Jeff Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report:

Laren presented both the current and proposed format of the financial statements. Laren noted that River 9 will continue to present both formats until the Board is comfortable with the new format. Given the familiarity with the current format, Laren spent the rest of his time covering the proposed format and receiving suggestions from the board. The first page contains the assessment information with prior year and current year. He noted similarities between the two formats. Laren pointed out the proposed format has three distinctive sections – Assessments, Budget and Cash Flow.

Motion to accept the financial statements presented in the old format for approval was made by Norm Varin and seconded by Christine Hahn.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 12/31/16

Total Collections April through December: \$14,344,748.49
DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2016: \$6,508,313.68
SFY 2017 DHW Received Transfers: \$9,199,291.00
Orders and Obligations: \$5,972,011.00
Cash Expenditures: \$5,815,742.00
Fund Cash Balance: \$9,963,862.68

Past Due:

Judy Geier discussed the letter that has gone out to Allegiance seeking their payment for the assessment. Serving as the current administrator for Woodgrain, the Department of Insurance is giving Allegiance time to address the letter from the Department. The prior administrator for Woodgrain was able to provide the child count of 317 which differs from the filed assessed number. If the Department does not receive payment they may go the administrative route and charge interest and fine them.

Capital Administrators still has not responded to Department requests. They will be provided with an official letter from the DOI.

Motion to use the same methodology with Capital Administrators as has been used with Allegiance was made by Senator Fred Martin and seconded by Representative Jeff Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously, Quorum was present.

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

Dr. Rich Rainey discussed the potential for non-payment of assessment from the carrier perspective. Dr. Rainey proposed suggested changes to the Plan of Operations to accommodate for potential non-payment. Attached is Dr. Rainey's exhibit of the Plan of Operations with his markup for review. The bulk of the changes are on page six., He and Shad Priest worked through this to be as clear as possible making sure that in the end the participating carriers that are responding and paying do not have to pay for those carriers that do not pay.

Dr. Chris Hahn asked if the definition of a carrier could be made earlier in in the section. Dr. Epperly also asked to include all other definitions Earlier in the document. The discussion continued regard the rules for counting the eligible children vs. children in total. This language was included in the Plan of Operations for when a reporting entity did an incomplete survey due to not being able to identify "Program-eligible children" and will be assessed based on "Covered Idaho Children".

Dr. Epperly made the motion to approve the participating carrier eligible children and program assessments definitions up to the front (either at the beginning or after the bullet points) and was seconded by Fred Martin.

Dr. Rainey will include prepared statements on page two noting that a discussion will be made at the board level before any financial amount will be put on the carriers noting Director Cameron's comments from the prior meeting that he does not see the Board or the Department re-assessing carriers that pay for the ones that do not pay.

Motion to approve accept the changes made by Dr. Rainey was made and seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

The meeting ended with a few points, noting Senate Bill 1081 will just address the sunset clause and Senator Fred Martin feels it will get out of committee and pass. Norm suggested that Dr. Epperly get with Senator Martin and determine if he should be available for the hearing. Dr. Hahn noted that Tricare is allowed to participate, but is not required and that she should have Tricare numbers by the end of March. After discussion, the board determined to support legislation that would extend the sunset cause by the two years.

Next meeting:

Thursday April 6th – 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 collection efforts of the Department
3. Final changes to the plan of operations to address impact of non-payment on the assessment to remaining payers
4. Voting on assessment amount based on survey responses.
5. Update on S1081.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted by River 9 Consulting