

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 6, 2017
Department of Insurance, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID – 3rd Floor Conference Room A

Board Members Present:

- Dean Cameron, Director – Idaho Department of Insurance (left at 3:30 and Elaine stepped in)
- Ted Epperly, M.D., Chair – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- 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
- Rafe Hewitt – for Christine Hahn, M.D.– Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Mike Hodge – Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc. (via telephone 3:58-4:39)
- Representative Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives (via telephone)
- Ralph Woodard – BlueCross of Idaho
- Elaine Mellon – for Director Cameron at 3:30, Idaho Department of Insurance

Board Members Absent:

- Christine Hahn, M.D.– Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Others Present:

- Tamarie Olson – 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
- Tom Donovan – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Jenn Visser – Idaho Power
- Zach Hauge – Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI)
- Jayson Ronk – Micron

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:07pm welcoming Ralph Woodard from Blue Cross of Idaho as a new member of the Board.

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2017 meeting:

Director Cameron noted the changes to the Plan of Operations need to be sent to him for his approval prior to being implemented. The discussion continued as to how the minutes should reflect the last meeting. It was determined that the minutes of the February 13th meeting were stated correctly since there are changes to be discussed during the current meeting and a copy after this meeting will be the one forwarded to the Director for approval. There was a correction moving the line supporting legislation that would extend the sunset clause to the paragraph discussing Senate Bill 1081. A motion to accept the minutes with the above changes was made and seconded by Fred Martin.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Legislative report:

The Director discussed Senate Bill 1081 noting it was passed unanimously in the Senate and required additional lobbying work in the House. Jenn and Jayson were thanked for their work. Dean provided a letter delivered to House members regarding the potential future program changes. The letter accompanies these minutes. The Director commented that they are determined to figure out how to propose 2018 legislation that may alleviate some of the concerns by the House. He reminded the Board that current legislation requires nine members. Of the nine members, six are appointed by the Director. Of the six appointed, three are representing carriers (one representing Third Party Administrators), one a primary care physician and two representing the business community – (Mike Hodge from Albertson’s and Dr. Pickford from Boise School District.) The remaining three members are comprised of one from Department of Health & Welfare followed by one Senate and one House representative. Norm mentioned that with the current two year sunset clause, there is a need to have a legislative effort every other year and that it may be time to consider a permanent solution. Representative Thompson would like to work with Director Cameron to come up with a permanent program. They are expecting the September timeframe for the final suggestions.

Financial Report:

Laren discussed the new format noting the assessment section that shows prior year, voted and adjusted to come up to the \$16,261,745.49. There was an overpayment of \$10 that will be refunded to Allegiance and Capital Administrators has paid in full. There are no outstanding assessments to carry into next year. The discussion continued regarding the process for survey and the next meeting will include procedures detailing that process. Senator Martin wished to thank those involved in the collection efforts, since this is the first time he has seen them all collected before the next assessment comes out. Laren then noted that in the budget section there is a surplus of \$2,023,725 between the needs and the cash. There was a discussion about the differing time periods of the plan year, state plan year and assessment year and the change will be made to the new format to have them consistent. He then discussed the cash flow statement with the cash balance of \$8,082,000. Laren noted that a graph was added showing of the assessment throughout the years.

Motion to accept the financial statements presented was made by Fred Martin and seconded by Ralph Woodard.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 3/31/17

Total Collections April through March: \$16,256,625.49
DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2016: \$6,508,313.68
SFY 2017 DHW Received Transfers: \$11,573,137.00
Orders and Obligations: \$14,826,126.00
Cash Expenditures: \$10,071,302.00
Fund Cash Balance: \$8,082,148.68

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

Dr. Rainey presented a version of the Plan of Operations with his additional changes pulling the definitions into the front section, and adding capitalization as necessary. In the carrier definitions he pointed out that there was no intent to change the definitions or the content, just to pull forward the definitions to the front of the document. This also allowed the removal of the redundancies.

Motion to accept this document for referral to the Director as required was made by Dr. Rainey and seconded by Jeff Thompson. This is a replacement of the document that was approved at the previous Board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Dr. Rainey will provide the proper documents to Elaine to forward to the Director for approval.

Rafe began the discussion of the rate per child life assessment for 2017. Rafe noted the Department of Defense changes at the end of 2016 that will allow TRICARE to pay into the assessment. The state has budgeted approximately \$600,000 available in the event TRICARE is not able to pay so if TRICARE does pay this will be a help to the state. The administrator will bill TRICARE this year for the 7,300 lives. Tamarie then discussed the calculation with the first number being the total cost of \$39,373,774 for all vaccines based on a 12-month average-see attached Vaccine Doses Distributed. Using 2015 census data, the calculation for 2017 shows that 36.4% is the covered state population needs to be used in the assessment calculation. The discussion continued around the flu vaccine provided at the pharmacy and carriers paying for these instead of the program paying. Perhaps the carriers can get a better account for those at the next meeting. Currently there are no recommendations of additional vaccines for this coming year. For last year, the need for Meningococcal B vaccine was not as great as anticipated which has resulted in a surplus in the program. This surplus is represented by the carryover of unspent funds that is included in the 2017 assessment calculation and results in a recommended lower assessment level than historical levels. The proposed assessment is either \$51.99 or \$52.74, depending on which TRICARE population is used. Attached to these minutes are Proposal A1 & A2 for reference.

Motion for assessment of \$52, as per A1, was made by Fred Martin and seconded by Dr. Rainey. Motion passed. Dr. Pickford abstained from the vote.

The discussion continued on what would happen if the program ran out of money since the assessment is the second lowest in history. The department will create an FAQ to go out with the assessments on the 15th with an explanation of what caused the lower assessment amount and that the amount will likely return to historical levels for subsequent years.

Note: at the end of the meeting, Dr. Rainey announced that he will be retiring. The Board thanked him for his years of service to the board. Dr. Rainey noted that Scott Kreiling from Regence BlueShield of Idaho will be recommended as a replacement.

Next meeting:

Monday June 26th – 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. Assessment Update
3. Flu vaccines paid by carriers
4. DHW reconciliation update
5. Future legislative considerations

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted by River 9 Consulting

