

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday June 26, 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 – Retired Boise School District
- Scott Kreiling – 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.
- Ralph Woodard – BlueCross of Idaho

Board Members Absent:

- Representative Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives

Others Present:

- Rafe Hewitt – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Laren Walker – River 9 Consulting (phone)
- Diane Kopecky – River 9 Consulting
- Reneé Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Elaine Mellon – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Mike Reynoldson – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Karen Sharpnack – Idaho Immunization Coalition
- Elizabeth ??
- Kurt Stenbridge – Kurt Stenbridge Consulting

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:07pm welcoming Scott Kreiling from Regence Blue Shield of Idaho as a new member of the Board replacing Dr Rainey.

Approval of Minutes from April 6th, 2017 meeting:

The meeting began with a discussion of the minutes from the April 6th Meeting. Ralph Woodard had a few suggestions to the minutes that did not change the substance of anything just potentially clarified the wording. These changes will be reflected in the final minutes. Motion to accept these minutes was made and seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report:

Laren discussed the new format of the financial statements starting with the current year assessments on the right, we are taking care of the \$10 overpayment and other than that the 16-17 assessment year is closed. Then moving to the 17-18 assessment he reported that the total voted on was 240,607 and there are 10,690 lives in adjustments, the largest being Selecthealth which was missed by River 9, had that been included the rate may have been a little lower. River 9 has double checked all assessment one by one to make sure no one else was missed. He continued on to the assessments receivable. Since this is the first year River 9 is working through the collection process and working with

the department for next years. He then discussed the budget and stated they will work with the DHW and DOI on the transition from June to July and the ending of the State Fiscal Year. He discussed the cash balance noting the collections made and the cash balance of \$6,126,997 which reconciles with DHW. Motion to accept the financial statements was made by Ralph Woodard and seconded Fred Martin. Motion to continue with the single new format was made by Norm seconded by Ralph Woodard.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Update

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 5/31/17

Total Collections April through May: \$18,173,193.49

DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2016: \$6,508,313.68

SFY 2017 DHW Received Transfers: \$13,221,641.00

Orders and Obligations: \$16,048,324.00

Cash Expenditures: \$13,674,957.00

Fund Cash Balance: \$6,126,997.68

Non-payment of assessments

Diane discussed the two outstanding assessments needing approval from the board. Automated Benefit System requested that their invoice be cancelled due to the fact that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has reported and paid on their lives. The board agreed that once proof is obtained that BCBS of MI paid, then it can be forgiven. The second carrier requesting a change in their lives reported was EBMS. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the difference between the 1st submittal and the 4th was less than the 250 and Board approval is not required.

Kids Vax was asking what our plan was if they did not pay and it was determined by the board to do all means to collect. They have been contacted via a letter from the DHW and another one from the DOI they have yet to respond with even their life count. The NDAA allows them to pay, but does not require them to.

If they do not pay it may cause difficulties in purchasing vaccines, but there are state funds available until it is collected. Rafe will get their contact information to Elaine at the Department of Insurance so they can follow up with a legal letter.

Director Cameron feels that we may need congressional help to get TRICARE collected but that would not be until around Feb 2018.

Contract RFP

Director Cameron wanted to update the board on the contracting processing, nothing that we had a previous contractor handling the books, then the Department took the responsibility back. They signed a contract with River 9 with the understanding they were going out for an RFP. The Director has signed a 3-month extension with River 9. Currently the expenses are paid directly from the Department of Insurance and maybe in the future the Immunization fund may be the one to pay the admin fee. Laren noted that River 9 has responded to the initial request and will be submitting a proposal.

Change in the plan of operations

Dr. Hahn mentioned that if ACA is repealed it may change the program if carriers are not mandated to provide vaccines it will also cause the assessments to be harder to collect. At the Sept meeting the Board needs to determine if additional legislation is required, this item has been added to the agenda.

Just a reminder that if someone goes to a pharmacy for their vaccines the carrier pays that directly vs no cost to the carrier if they go through their physician. Dr. Hahn noted that if the DHW purchased vaccines beforehand and sent them to the family physician, but the children go to the pharmacy, that family physician will have to throw away those vaccines. So basically, there has been a double payment. But she noted that there is a self-check in the next year. The discussion continued noting this is fairly de minimis. Norm asked for more information on the self-correcting process and Dr. Epperly stated that we can look into this if it becomes a greater concern. Christ Pickford added that the Boise School District also double pays since they purchase a supply to vaccine internally.

Next meeting:

Monday September 25th – 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 Tricare

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4: 24PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted by River 9 Consulting