

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday September 25, 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
- Ted Epperly, M.D., Chair – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Ginger Sinclair – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- 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.
- Mike Reynoldson (Ralph Woodard) – BlueCross of Idaho
- Representative Jeff Thompson – Idaho House of Representatives (arrived 3:45)

Board Members Absent:

- None

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
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Sharon Hawkins – Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry

Call to Order:

Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:05pm welcoming Ginger Sinclair as a new member of the Board, representing one of the Idaho business community positions.

Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2017 meeting:

The meeting began with a discussion of the minutes from the June 26th Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously. Quorum was present.

Financial Report:

River 9 presented financial statements ending June 30, 2017 and August 31, 2017. The statement ending June 30, 2017 given was due to the state fiscal year ending June 30th. The August 31, 2017 statement represents the most recent month for which financial information was available.

Update

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 8/31/17

Total Collections April through August: \$8,260,447
DHW Cash Balance as of 7/1/2017: \$7,884,391
SFY 2018 DHW Received Transfers: \$6,348,917
Orders and Obligations: \$3,166,780
Cash Expenditures: \$2,398,728
Fund Cash Balance: \$11,834,579

Laren discussed the August 31 financial statement noting the highlights and differences from the June 30 financial statement. The reported collections include July and August so the outstanding assessments are represented by the quarterly assessment plus TRICARE. At the meeting it was reported that the TRICARE check had been received (including back payments). There was a discussion about how to handle the TRICARE payment. Director Cameron suggested that DFM leave it in the immunization fund, noting that there will be a discussion between the DOI and DHW. The cash balance report is for the SFY 2018, showing total received \$6,348,917 and expenditures of \$2,398,728. Cash fund balance is \$11,834,579, which reconciled with the DHW amount.

Motion to approve the financial reports passed unanimously. Quorum was present

Contract RFP

For the administrative services, Director Cameron reported that the DOI put the contract out to bid and one response was received. Director Cameron noted that River 9 did not respond. The Department will review the response to determine if it meets the criteria established by the RFP. To achieve maximum efficiency at minimal cost, the Department is considering bringing the administrative services back to the Department of Insurance. Director Cameron reported there was a recent audit of the program. This was the second CAFR audit that included findings. The recent audit included findings of mathematical errors and interest not being charged for delinquent accounts, as per statute. The board discussed the possibility of requesting removal of the interest section of the statute since the Department already has the ability to assign penalties.

Legislative changes

Director Cameron discussed the language concerning adding a new board member representing private, self-funded business and extending the sunset date an additional five (5) years. Director Cameron noted these changes have been discussed and agreed upon with legislative leadership and IACI. IACI is currently working on draft legislation with these changes. There was also a suggestion that IACI incorporate the interest charge changes into the draft legislation as well. IACI will present a draft of the proposed legislative changes at the next meeting.

Status of Surveys

Rafe discussed their Kids Vax partnering over the last few years and TRICARE. Rafe noted an initial settlement was proposed to the states involved and that Massachusetts and Idaho accepted the settlement. The other states did not accept it due to state statutes requiring the recoup of additional administration fees through Kids Vax. DHW is satisfied with the settlement and noted this was a benefit to Idahoans. There was a governors' letter that was sent around 10 days before the settlement call. Going forward it is anticipated that TRICARE will continue to report and pay on an on-going basis.

Repeal/replace changes

This program was developed in response to the original Affordable Care Act (ACA). If the portion of the ACA impacting the program is repealed and/or replaced then there may not be mandated coverage for immunizations. Dr. Hahn reminded the board that this program allows the purchase of vaccines at a better price. The discussion continued that even if the ACA is repealed we may want to modify the Immunization Program, but not eliminate it for Idahoans.

Next meeting:

Dec 11th, 2017 at the 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. Updated financial statements
3. Update on proposed Legislation

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 MST.

Respectfully Submitted by River 9 Consulting