

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting Monday, April 8, 2019

Department of Insurance, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID – 3rd floor Conference Room A

Board Members Present:

- Ted Epperly, M.D., Chair – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Norm Varin, Secretary – PacificSource Health Plans
- Mike Hodge – Albertsons LLC & New Albertsons Inc.
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
- Ginger Sinclair – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Chase Ropelato – Idaho Power
- Kenny Bramwell, M.D. – Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- Ralph Woodard – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Tom Donovan, Deputy Director, for Dean Cameron, Director - Idaho Department of Insurance

Board Members Absent:

- Senator Fred Martin – Idaho Senate

Others Present:

- Tamarie Olson – Department of Health & Welfare
- Renee Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Michael Witry – Office of Attorney General
- Cathy Korth – Idaho Department of Insurance

(Introductions made prior to meeting being called to order).

Call to Order:

Chairman Dr. Ted Epperly called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm, MDT. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2018 meeting:

Meeting began with a discussion of action items and discussion of the minutes from the December 10th meeting.

Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Varin. By voice vote, motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.

Legislative Report:

Tom Donovan gave legislative update with additional discussion from Mr. Varin and Chairman Epperly.

- Department of Insurance presented eight rules; the biggest one being a rule change requiring insurers to cover the cost of hearing aids. The Senate and House Health&Welfare committees voted unanimously to approve.

- Governor Little issued two Executive Orders; 2019-01 - dealing with Occupational Licenses and 2019-02, the Red Tape Reduction Act, which was designed to reduce and streamline rules of executive agencies.
- Department of Insurance had two pieces of legislation that did not deal with immunization or health issues; other pieces of legislation impacting health included: H0275 would allow for renewable enhanced short-term health insurance plans; dental plans impacting when and what dentists charge for services when a dental plan's benefits are exhausted; S1097 to provide that routine care would be covered by a plan when a covered member is participating in a clinical trial, and H0149 dealing with self-funded plans to provide that the state would not have to register with the Department of Insurance and permit waiver of surplus or stop-loss requirements under certain conditions.
- H0133 that would have required all day care and school facilities, private and public, to inform parents they can opt-out of vaccinations for their children did not pass.

Financial Report: (see attached) as of 3/31/2019

Renee Iverson presented the DOI and DHW combined report.

- All money has been received to cover Fiscal year 2019 – \$15,773,182.00.
- Department of Insurance and Health & Welfare accounting match.
- 100% of DOI and Health & Welfare funds are used for vaccines. Both agencies absorb the costs of administering the immunization program.
- History of Assessments on page 4 of attachment. This historical increase in assessments was due to funding new vaccines. This historical decrease in assessments was primarily due to carry-over funds from the prior time periods.
- Mr. Hodge inquired if any reported cases of measles in Idaho. No cases reported in Idaho.

As of 3/31/2019

Total Assessments Collected:	\$15,733,182.00
DHW Current Cash Balance 3/31/19:	\$ 7,216,799.24
SFY 2019 DHW Received Transfers:	\$11,043,636.00
Q3 Orders/Obligations	\$ 3,575,735.77
Q3 Cash Expenditures	\$ 4,560,345.97
Fund Cash Balance reported:	\$ 7,216,799.24

Motion to approve financial reports made by Mr. Woodard, seconded by Dr. Bramwell. By voice vote, motion to approve financial reports passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Review of Plan of Operation - will be carried forward to next meeting.

New Business:

- Update on Survey and Assessments - Tamarie Olson.
 1. Renee' Iverson reported that survey opened January 15 and closed March 15. Data was compiled, the last response being received this morning (4-8-19).
 2. 150 insurers reporting insureds under age 19, up from 139 in 2018.
 3. 1,281,722 total reported subscribers and dependents.
 4. 274,415 under age 19; representing an increase of 20,762 or an 8.19 percent increase.
 5. It was noted that Idaho has, as reported in USA Today, either the first or fourth fastest growing population. Largest growth is coming from the states of Washington, Utah, and California, respectively.

- 2018 (FY19) Updated Numbers and Assessment Determination.
 1. Tamarie Olsen with Department of Health & Welfare reported on Updated Numbers.
 2. Base cost is \$17.5 million.
 3. The initial proposed \$45.03 per child; this is lower than any other year primarily due to carry-over.
 4. Number is potentially approximately 8% understated due to population increase of approximately 21,000 people in the State of Idaho under the age of 19 in 2019.
 5. Mr. Varin suggests being in the \$50 range due to 8% population increase as well as concern about carry over amount and to smooth the assessment amounts over years to aid in predictability for carriers. Cost average so that it does not sway too high or drop too low. Mr. Varin stated it would be helpful to have a historical background of assessment determinations and noted how close the final assessment is to the estimate. Historically, the Committee has never had to reassess. Idaho is the only state that 100% of funds go to immunizations.

Mr. Varin moved that the cost per vaccination in 2020 should be \$50 per child. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion for cost per vaccination in 2020 should be \$50 per child passed unanimously.

Next meeting:

Target July 2019 (Monday afternoon 3-5 works well), (Elaine to send out doodle poll to get date scheduled).

Agenda Topics for next meeting:

After discussion including Chairman Epperly, Mr. Varin, Dr. Hahn, and Mr. Hodge, the Board felt that it would be appropriate to explore the only likely childhood vaccinations that are outside the scope of the program, namely, flu vaccinations administered by pharmacists. Mr. Hodge will talk with Albertson's pharmacies as to their procedure. Dr. Hahn will check as well with IRIS (Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System). Both plan to report back to the board at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm, MDT.