

Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 3:00 PM MST

Idaho Department of Insurance, Conference Room A, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702

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Board Members Present:

- Norm Varin, Chair – PacificSource Health Plans
- Chase Ropelato, Vice Chair – Idaho Power
- Susan Fudge, Secretary – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Dr. Perry Brown – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Shannon Hohl – Idaho Department of Insurance (for Director Cameron)
- Jayson Ronk – Blue Cross of Idaho

Board Members Absent:

- Senator Lee Heider
- James Pegram – J.R. Simplot Company
- House of Representatives – position vacant

Others Present:

- Reneé Iverson – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Kathy McGill – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Sarah Leeds - Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by the Chair, Norm Varin. Roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2022 meeting:

Review of minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2022. *Motion to approve by Mr. Ropelato; seconded by Dr. Brown; approved unanimously.*

Financial Report: as of 3/31/2022 – Reneé Iverson

Ms. Iverson reviewed the financial report as of 3/31/2022 for Assessment Year 2021 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, highlighting the following:

- As of 3/31/2022, \$16,532,640 has been collected for SFY 2022. The final quarterly payments were received in March.
- DHW received transfers of \$9,930,390.00 SFY 2022 to date.

- \$2,120,929.86 has been spent on vaccines in the third quarter of FY2022, which ended 3/31/2022.
- The Assessment Fund cash balance is \$4,214,829.25 as of 3/31/2022.

In response to a question from Dr. Brown, Ms. Iverson explained that the Immunization Assessment Program is an 18-month process, with assessments for a state fiscal year (which runs from July through June) beginning in April, following the assessment survey, which begins in January.

Motion to approve financial report by Mr. Ropelato; seconded by Mr. Ronk; passed unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Status of Immunization Assessment Survey – Ms. McGill. Based on the results of the survey, Ms. McGill reported 278,116 Idaho children with vaccine coverage to Ms. Olson on April 1, 2022. Due to additional companies reporting since then, the number increased to 278,201 as of April 6, 2022. There are two companies that still need to report, but the numbers are anticipated to be very minimal.

At this point, the Chair introduced Mr. Ronk, whose first meeting this is, and Mr. Ronk provided a few words introducing himself to the Board.

- b. Assessment Determination - Ms. Olson presented a proposal for the SFY2022 vaccine assessment amount. She reviewed the process used to determine the amount per child, based on cost of vaccines, carryover balance from SFY 2022, and number of children. The recommended amount was \$60.65 per child.

The Board discussed whether there are still some children who will need to catch up on their immunizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed that this is a real possibility; therefore, it would be safest to bump up the amount per child. A motion was made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Dr. Hahn to set the amount per child at \$65.00 for SFY 2023.

The board also discussed the possibility that COVID-19 vaccines for children would no longer be covered at no cost through the federal Vaccines for Children program for a portion of the state fiscal year. The federal program has enough vaccine to cover adults and children through December 2022; after that, the Idaho Immunization Assessment Program may need to cover these vaccines.

Due to this possibility, it was suggested that the assessment invoices for SFY 2023 contain language that informs companies that there could need to be a second assessment for the state fiscal year. The Chair will work with the DOI in developing appropriate language prior to the invoices going out April 15, 2022.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting date was set for Monday, July 25, 2022.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 MST.