

**Idaho Immunization Assessment Board**  
**Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 25, 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
- Dean Cameron – Director, Idaho Department of Insurance
- Dr. Perry Brown – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- James Pegram – J.R. Simplot Company
- Jayson Ronk – Blue Cross of Idaho

**Board Members Absent:**

- Senator Lee Heider
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Mark Ruszczyk – Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- House of Representatives – position vacant

**Others Present:**

- Terry Easley – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Shannon Hohl – 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 3:01 pm by the Chair, Norm Varin. Roll call indicated that a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2022 meeting:**

Review of minutes from the meeting of April 6, 2022. *Motion to approve by Mr. Ronk; seconded by Dr. Brown; approved unanimously.*

**Financial Report: as of 6/30/2022 – Terry Easley**

Mr. Varin introduced Ms. Easley, the Department's new Financial Officer and Reneé Iverson's replacement. Ms. Easley reviewed the financial report as of 6/30/2022 for Assessment Year 2022 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, highlighting the following:

- The number of Idaho dependents as of the April 6, 2022 Board meeting was 278,201; it was based on this number that the Board voted to approve an assessment of \$65 per dependent. Since that time, due to adjustments, the number of dependents stands at 278,155.
- Total assessments collected for Assessment Year 2022/SFY 2023 was \$11,112,465 as of 6/30/2022.
- Refunds to companies for Assessment Year 2022/SFY 2023 totaled \$95 as of 6/30/2022.
- Minus the two companies that pay quarterly, \$1,141,205 was still due; the total from the quarterly payers that is still due is \$5,826,600.
- Total received by IDHW for SFY 2022 was \$16,924,620.
- The IDHW fund cash balance as of 6/30/2022 was \$5,403,934.63.

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

**New Business:**

- a. Status of SFY 2023 Assessment Payments – Ms. McGill.

As of today's date, there are three companies (other than the two that pay quarterly) that have not made an assessment payment. One has been working closely with the Department and payment is expected in the immediate future. However, the two remaining companies have not responded to repeated letters and attempts to reach them by phone. The Department has turned the matter over to its Deputy Attorney General staff to draft a final letter before administrative action will be considered.

There is also one Third party Administrator (TA) that billed all of the companies for whom they report via the Immunization Survey incorrect amounts; therefore, the TPA is having the companies submit a second check for the correct amount and will be seeking refunds once the total amount due from the TPA has been exceeded.

Mr. Ronk had a question concerning pediatric COVID-19 vaccines and whether there was an update as to whether the immunization assessment funds might need to be utilized for such vaccines. Ms. Leeds responded that there has been no update from the federal government as to the timing of when pediatric COVID-19 vaccines would need to be covered by commercial providers. At this point, take-up of the pediatric vaccines is very low in Idaho. Ms. Olsen added that there are many steps that need to happen prior to the federal government no longer covering the cost of the vaccines, so it is likely this will not happen soon.

- b. Election of Officers - Norm Varin, Chair

The last Board election occurred in October, due to Board turnover; therefore, all Officers are relatively new. Mr. Varin confirmed that all Officers – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – desire to serve another term.

*Mr. Ronk moved that the Board reelect Mr. Varin as Chair, Mr. Ropelato as Vice Chair, and Ms. Fudge as Secretary. Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to reelect the current Officers.*

**Next meeting date:**

The next meeting date was set for Monday, October 17, 2022, to begin at 4:00 MST.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 MST.