

State of Idaho
Small Employer Health Reinsurance Program &
Individual High-Risk Reinsurance Pool

Board of Directors Minutes
Department of Insurance
July 2, 2025

Board Members Present

Hyatt Erstad, Chair, Erstad & Company
Dean Cameron, Director Idaho Department of Insurance
Norm Varin, Vice Chair, PacificSource
Janice Fulkerson, Board Secretary, Consumer Representative
Trent Nate, SelectHealth
Ann Ibrahim, Regence BlueShield of Idaho
Senator Jim Guthrie, Idaho State Senate

Board Members Not Present

Mike Reynoldson, BlueCross of Idaho

Others In Attendance

James Winfield, River 9
Diane Kopecky, River 9
Bruce Mohr, EP Wealth Advisors
December Gonzaga, Department of Insurance
Shannon Hohl, Department of Insurance
Will Coon, Department of Insurance
Eric Walters, Milliman
Paul Houchens, Milliman
Kevin Reddish, YHI
Daniel Boeder, Regence BlueShield of Idaho
Michael Witry, Idaho Attorney General's Office
Alan Vandagriff, St. Luke's Health Plan

- 1. Hyatt called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.**
- 2. A roll call was conducted, a quorum established.**
- 3. The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.**
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Waived for this meeting, they will be reviewed at the regular meeting scheduled for August 27th.

- 5. Cost Sharing Reduction (CSR) Pool Changes**

Eric Walters, from Milliman, presented the potential impact of federal funding of CSRs. He noted the board had previously decided on an 18% reduction to 2026 market rates representing a drawdown of \$27.2 million in program assets. This prior decision was made assuming the federal government would not fund the CSR program. With the potential of the CSR program to be funded Milliman was asked to model the potential impact on the program assets. The discussion continued regarding explaining their modeling process which included removing loaded amounts from 2026 Silver Premiums and assumed migration from Bronze/Gold to Silver plans. The result of the modeling showed no material change to drawdown expected.

The reduction in Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC), which is predicted to have a significant impact, is anticipated to reduce the CMS pass through funding. Director Cameron stated that the House version has CSR funding, and the Senate version does not. He believes the Senate version will be the one to finally pass.

The Board took no action based upon the data and modeling presented. The carrier representatives stated that they appreciated the work from Milliman, and they have what they need and are thankful for the additional knowledge this update has given them.

6. Update on Small Employer Program

James Winfield provided an update on the close-out of the Small Employer Program. Refunds have been processed, and the bank has been instructed to close the account.

7. Update of RFP for Administration

The Officers of the Board collaborated with Department of Insurance staff and Michael Witry to develop the RFP for Administration. Michael reminded the Board and attendees that the 1332 Waiver requires the Board to issue an RFP for services in accordance with the approved procurement process. The RFP schedule as presented includes publication of the RFP on July 14th via the Department of Insurances website, and distribution to Idaho-based third-party administrators via email notice. An intent to bid is due by interested parties no later than July 28th, with questions due by August 4th. Responses are due no later than August 18th, and an anticipated selection by September 24th.

A motion was made to approve the timeline and move forward with the RFP as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Legislative Update/Other

Shannon reported to the Board the Premium Tax is \$23.18 million, slightly above the anticipated amount. The funds were wired into the investment account with EP Wealth.

Director Cameron noted that they have a light legislative load, and they have submitted some clean up changes.

Next Meeting:

The next Board meetings are scheduled for August 27th at 12:00pm and September 24th also at 12:00 noon, at the Department of Insurance Conference Room A.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM MDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
River 9 Consulting, Inc.