State of Idaho

Individual High-Risk Reinsurance Pool

Board of Directors Minutes

Department of Insurance
April 29, 2026

Board Members Present

Hyatt Erstad, Chair, Erstad & Company
Norm Varin, Vice Chair, PacificSource
Janice Fulkerson, Board Secretary, Consumer Representative
Senator Jim Guthrie, Idaho State Senate (arrived at 12:15pm)
Mike Reynoldson, BlueCross of Idaho
Trent Nate, SelectHealth (arrived 1:30pm)
Dean Cameron, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance
Ann Ibrahim, Regence BlueShield of Idaho

Board Members Not Present

Representative Jordan Redman, Idaho House of Representatives

Others In Attendance

James Winfield, River 9
Diane Kopecky, River 9
Wes Trexler, Idaho Department of Insurance
Shannon Hohl, Idaho Department of Insurance
Will Coon, Idaho Department of Insurance
Kevin Reddish, YHI
Pat Kelly, YHI
Andrea Puopolo, EP Wealth Advisors
Robert Schmidt, Milliman
Eric Walters, Milliman
Matt Steen, Office of Attorney General
Mark Walters, Mountain Health Coop
Alan Vanegraf, 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.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve the most recent version of the February 29, 2026 meeting of the Board of the Idaho Small Employer Reinsurance Program ("Program") and Idaho Individual High-Risk Reinsurance Pool ("Pool, distributed on April 29, 2029. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Operations Report

James Winfield presented the Board with the January and February Financial Packets for the High-Risk Pool (Pool"). With them being cumulative, he discussed February with the Board.

- Balance Sheet: Cash year-to-date approximately $78 million. Both the IBNR for Claims and Premiums are listed in full at $30,015,000 and $400,000 respectively.
- Revenue Statement: Premiums are $490,000 YTD million with an annual projection of $8.2 million. Year-to-date claims for the Grandfathered Plan are $4,108 compared to last year's $4,959. Year-to-date for the Conditioned-Based Plan is $20.9 million at the end of February compared to just over $19 million a year ago.
- Federal Grant Status: The program has drawn approximately all except for $1.3 million from the 1332 waiver funds-to-date, this was drawn in March and will show as income in those financials. We should see this years grant funds after May.
- Cash Flow Estimates/Analysis: The 2023 program saw a surplus of $700,000. In 2024 the program used $13.7 million of the program assets. For 2025 the program is projected to use another $14.5 million of program assets. River 9 has added a new report. Robert and Norm discussed this report in detail for the Board.
- Lives: There are still 10 members in the Grandfathered Plan and currently 2,507 lives in the Condition-Based Plan.

A motion was made to accept the January 2026 and February 2026 Operational reports as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Investment Update

Andrea Puopolo represented on behalf of Bruce Mohr from EP Wealth. Ms. Puopolo noted that the 1st quarter reminded us that even in constructive markets, progress is rarely even or easy. At the beginning of 2026 investor attention was largely centered on the probability of additional interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. That narrative shifted quickly as the war with Iran disrupted energy markets and increased uncertainty across both the equity and fixed income markets. The impact on markets has been significant. We expected the Fed to continue easing policy, which would have provided an additional tailwind for both the economy and financial markets. However, the supply shock tied to the war has complicated the inflation picture. As a result, the market is no longer anticipating interest rate cuts this year.

5. Actuarial Committee Report

Robert discussed the minutes from the Actuarial Committee meeting on April 23, 2026. Their primary focus was regarding the 2027 Projection Scenarios with modeled rate and program asset impact.

A motion was made to approve the April 23, 2026 meeting minutes presented by Milliman. The motion was seconded and carried.

6. 2027 Scope/Pricing Milliman

Robert Schmidt then discussed the 2027 projections presentation to the Board. With four (4) years of history, Milliman has been able to create a report of the projections vs. the outcomes for each year and they will continue to show the results for each year until the year has no more activity. The 2026 rate adjustment is 18% reduction in premium rates vs. the 20% reduction for 2025. The board's decisions today will determine the 2027 market impact. Robert discussed the 2023, 2024 and 2025 history and the estimated projections for 2026. The Director commented he believes since enrollment is up for 2026 that CMS may send a larger grant amount than included in the projection. Robert did discuss a new cash flow projections report, similar to the one in the financials, where the most recent projections for each year are shown. The Board continued to discuss the Projections for 2027 and debate the options to support the consumers, market stability, and pool spending.

A motion was made to approve Scenario 4 with a 16% impact was made. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Legislative Update from the DOI

Director Cameron shared that Wes, Shannon and Will have put in a large amount of time on the 1332 waiver extension. Since it is the first one of its kind, CMS has struggled with the second part of the waiver request covering the choice waiver for those on Medicaid (between 100-138% of poverty level). CMS has stated the waiver application is complete which is forward progress. The next step is a 30 day comment period (until May 18th). Then CMS has 180 days to make a final determination. The Department is proud to have reached this milestone. Wes noted there is an Annual Forum for the Waiver, it is scheduled for May 26, 2026.

Operationally, the Department is fully staffed. Legislatively it was a good session for the Department and the industry.

8. Other Business

Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2026 at Noon. The Idaho Department of Insurance Conference Room A will be reserved for Board and public members who choose to attend in person.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM MDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
River 9 Consulting, Inc.