

# **Indigent Hearings**

**April 18, 2017**

## **Today's Agenda**

- **The purpose of handling an indigent application**
- **The purposes of the indigent hearing**
- **Sample mock indigent hearing script**
- **Common pitfalls – scenario skits**

## Why do we handle these apps?

Reasons:

- ~~• To have a tremendous amount of fun~~
- ~~• To deny as many claims as possible... ?~~
- To follow the law and court decisions
  - *If we disagree with the law, then we need to change the law by running legislation, not by handling the applications in the way we think the law should be.*

## Why have these hearings?

Reasons:

- Obtain additional information that the county hadn't received before the hearing.
- Discover if there is any other information that should change the county's decision.
- Provide all involved parties with due process.
- Establish a record for judicial review.

## **Sample Indigent Hearing Script**

- 1. Schedule a hearing date.**
- 2. Provide any and all exhibits to the appealing party at least a week before the hearing.**
- 3. Open the hearing.**
- 4. Go into executive session.**
- 5. Announce those in attendance.**
  
- 6. Explain the procedure and the process.**
- 7. Swear in anyone offering evidence and giving testimony.**
- 8. Admit the County's exhibits.**
- 9. Ask the medical indigency clerk to summarize the case.**
- 10. Give the Board time to review the exhibits and any evidence.**

- 11. Open up time for questions.**
- 12. Repeat Steps #8-11 for the Provider.**
- 13. Repeat Steps #8-11 for the Patient.**
- 14. Check with the medical indigency clerk regarding her recommendation.**
- 15. Encourage the Board to discuss their thoughts and reasoning for their anticipated decision in the case.**

- 16. Have the Board make its decisions out of executive session.**
  - Options: Complete approval, partial approval/denial, complete denial, take under advisement, continue the hearing.
- 17. Close the hearing.**
- 18. Write up the Board's opinion.**
- 19. Mail notice of final determination.**

## Scenario #1



## Scenario #2



## Scenario #3

