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# **Health and Human Services Committee**

February 4, 2020 | 8:00 am - 9:30 am Riverside Hotel | Boise, ID | Juniper Room

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order | Chair Tom Dale

### Consideration of Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes

Akerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting. Poston seconded. Motion carried.

## Catastrophic Health Care Program | Kathryn Mooney, IAC; Roger Christensen, Bonneville County Commissioner

Number of cases and provider payments for FY19 were shared as well as the number of cases approved. Counties have been advised to start reviewing their suspensions and other outstanding cases to get those cases moving so the CAT can work through them. The Medicaid numbers are coming in as estimated. Indigent and CAT programs need a year to fully understand what the impacts truly are.

### Medicaid Expansion | Seth Grigg, IAC executive director

Recommendations from the interim committee were to use savings/offsets of state agencies (~\$29M), and up to \$10M from counties. The Governor in the State of the State recommended up to \$8.5M. There is one proposal being drafted thus far. Counties have been asked to help make sure the structure will work on the technical side.

The draft that has been circulating covers three main points: funding of Medicaid, the CAT program, and the medical indigent program. The draft proposes that counties would cover 23% of the total state share cost. The impact to counties depends on the number of individuals that enroll in Medicaid. The financial impact appears to be about \$9.5M. This framework would remove a portion of revenue sharing off the top to pay for Medicaid. The table (given to committee members) assumes that the county indigent program is no long in place. It also shows the impact if the IMD waiver is not approved. There are still a few counties that would see a greater reduction in revenue sharing than they spend in indigent expenses.



Where do counties make up the difference? Additional funding would have to come from other county services. The counties that will have the most impact tend to have a much lower cost for indigent medical care.

The Indigent program would end/repealed once the law goes into effect, which is upon the signing by the Governor. Once the IMD waiver is granted, counties would no longer be responsible for behavioral health. The CAT program is repealed 6 months after the county indigent program ends. If these programs are not repealed, there is no way to predict what the costs will be. There would be no way to budget. Once the programs are repealed, the hospitals will be responsible to work with patients to cover costs if they choose not to purchase insurance, whether they can afford it or not. Some people are afraid that the IMD waiver or any waiver won't be approved until after the election. The state is confident that it will be approved, it's just a matter of when.

## Health District Update | Carol Moehrle, Public Health District 2

There is a lot of energy being spent on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There have been 11 people diagnosed in US and they are being isolated. There have been 427 deaths across the world with the majority in China. Borders are being closed and only US citizens are allowed in. It appears that it started in a meat market in Wuhan, China. It is being spread human to human (community spread). Typical precautions need to be taken to help mitigate the spread of this virus. Individuals are being isolated for 14 days.

#### Legislative Update | Kelli D Brassfield, IAC; Seth Grigg, IAC executive director

There is no other legislative update other than the Medicaid expansion update already given.

## Open Discussion | Chair Tom Dale

There was small conversation about how counties will reallocate employees if the Indigent program is repealed. Some counties will keep employees through the election and then re-evaluate.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:30 am.



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