HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE

*Boise Centre – Room 110C/110B*

*IAC Annual Conference ~ Boise, ID*

*Tuesday, September 26, 2017 ~ 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM*

MEETING MINUTES

1:30 PM Call to Order - Chair, Helen Edwards, Gooding County Commissioner

* Welcome and Introductions
* Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes

***Joe Larsen made a motion to approve the February 2017 minutes. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.***

* Review Policy Statement

***Abbie Mace made a motion to approve the HHS policy statement. Glenda Poston seconded. Motion carried.***

1:35 PM CAT Board Update – Roger Christensen, Bonneville County Commissioner & Kathryn Mooney, CAT Program Director

Roger Christensen presented the FY17 CAT cases. There were 584 cases approved. Average amount per case is $21,151. There has been a steady decrease in the number of cases over the last 5 years. Medical reviews and joint applications have been helpful in reducing the number of approvals.

 CAT is requesting $10,000,000 for FY19.

2:00 PM Health District Update – Carol Moerhle, Public Health District 2

* Bed Bugs

Carol Moerhle stated that bed bugs are common in other countries but they are becoming more prevalent in the U.S. They stay in the mattresses and feed on humans more in the morning hours. They can live up to 10 months. Bed bugs feed about every 3 days and they feed like a tick. They don’t typically spread disease. These bugs do cause itching. You find them in the seam of the mattresses. They can be about the size of an apple seed. The way to get rid of them is to wash your sheets in really hot water and hot heat.

Public health gets many calls about bed bugs. The public health districts do not have authority to shut facilities down for bed bugs but the facilities will be contacted to take care of the issue. Idaho does not have regulations about shutting facilities down.

* Other updates

Flu has been bad up north. There has been hospitalization up north. There are two different types of vaccinations. Get your flu shot. It should last six months.

2:20 PM Legislative Update – Lauren Necochea, Idaho Voices

Lauren Necochea stated that congress decided that the Cassidy bill is done. There were not enough votes to get it passed. Our Idaho Governor and the Idaho Department of Insurance did not support this bill. The Director of HW retired and is working on the Governor’s health care panel. They have a dual waiver proposal.

This dual waiver proposal contains waiver 1115 and 1332. The goal is to stabilize insurance rates and improve access to healthcare coverage. This is aimed at covering those in the gap. The 1332 waiver application waives APTC ban on citizens up to 100% and would have an estimated coverage of ~35K.

The 1115 waiver identifies and defines medically complex conditions, which would be a new group covered by Medicaid, and it has an estimated coverage for ~2K. Some of the conditions could be metastatic cancers, hemophilia, end stage liver cancer, and bone marrow disorders.

The Governor’s panel would work with CMS to get a preliminary approval and then have to get statutory approval. The legislature has to sign off before implementation can take place.

Tom Lamar asked if there is a possibility of a 3rd waiver to cover the last sliver of individuals not covered. Lauren mentioned that there isn’t one yet but the idea is to get this passed and review the results. After that, there may be more done to help the people that are left in the gap.

The estimated cost of these waivers is $21.7M and would more than likely come from state funds. It doesn’t appear that the state would increase revenue to cover this. Revenue at the state level has been pretty healthy. As of now, these two waivers do not have severe mental illness coverage. The thought right now is that they are not as expensive as some of the complex conditions (Cancers).

2:40 PM Resolution

* Tax Intercept for Indigent Services

Abbie Mace stated that the tax intercept has been working well in the courts and could be beneficial to indigent programs. There is concern and work to be done on priority of payments. Individuals that are married and/or divorced will need to be looked at carefully as well. The commissioners would make this decision.

Roger Christensen asked if maybe this could go on a lien. There would need to be specific criteria. It would probably be a N1. This may help with the commissioners having to make the decision. The idea is that this tax intercept would happen every year until the debt is paid in full.

***Tom Dale made a motion to approve resolution #12. Roger Christensen seconded. Motion Carried.***

3:00 PM Open Discussion

Tom Lamar mentioned that District 2 is pushing forward on the Crisis Center plan. It is getting introduced into the governor’s budget and hopefully it will get approval.

3:30 PM Adjourn

***Donna Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Glenda Poston seconded. Motion carried.***

Members Present:

Helen Edwards, Gooding Commissioner, Chair

Glenda Poston, Boundary Clerk, Vice Chair

Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner

Joseph Larsen, Cassia Clerk

Abbie Mace, Fremont Clerk

Pauline Malone, Lewis Treasurer

Angenie McCleary, Blaine Commissioner

Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner

Bill Lasleyv, Power Commissioner

Elting Hasbrouck, Valley Commissioner

Denise Gill, Gooding Clerk

Kelly Aberasturi, Owyhee Commissioner

Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer

Roger Christensen, Bonneville Commissioner

Carol Moehrle, Idaho Public Health District 2

Nikole Zogg, Idaho Public Health District 3

Georgia Hanigan, Payette Commissioner

Tom Lamar, Latah Commissioner

Members Not Present:

Shelly Shaffer, Butte Clerk

Glenn Bailey, Bonner Commissioner

Bryon Reed, Bonneville Commissioner

Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner

Radene Barker, Bannock Treasurer

Robert Poleki, Bannock Clerk

Cindy Garner, Bear Lake Clerk

Vaughn Rasmussen, Bear Lake Commissioner

JoLynn Drage, Blaine Clerk

Pam Garlock, Boise Coroner

Paul Christensen, Cassia Commissioner

Betty Thomas, Washington Clerk

Pamela Barrett, Clark Clerk

Colleen Poole, Jefferson Clerk

Kimber Ricks, Madison Commissioner

Betty Dressen, Payette Clerk

Guests:

Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff