

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE

Riverside Hotel –North Star Room

IAC Midwinter Conference ~ Boise, ID

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 ~ 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

MEETING AGENDA

- 8:00 AM Call to Order - Chair, Tom Dale, Canyon County Commissioner
- Welcome and Introductions
 - Approval of September 2018 Meeting Minutes

Joe Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2018. Abbie Mace seconded. Motion carried.

- 8:05 AM CAT Board Update - Roger Christensen, Bonneville County Commissioner & Kathryn Mooney, CAT Program Director

The IFF filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the proposition. It will be determined to see if the state can give the authority to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the federal government.

Kathryn Mooney gave a quick CAT board update. There are five new members. The CAT was set up in 2009. It is a reinsurance program to keep counties from going bankrupt. The CAT board is an Executive Board but is independent from the Governor's office. The CAT board reviews cases after counties have approved applications. If those applications are over \$11,000 the CAT will cover costs if approved.

The Indigent and CAT programs only pay for "medically necessary" costs. A medical reviewer is used to determine if the costs were "medically necessary." There has been \$7,288,418 in CAT claims only from July 2018 thru Dec. 2018.

There have been many approaches to Medicaid Expansion between the two houses. The Senate has been a little more aligned with the Governor. They are looking at funding the first half of Medicaid expansion. The state has to come up with the first six months funding. The first year will be approximately \$40-45M. The Governor would like to see funding come from savings from CAT, IDHW, the Millennium Fund, and others.

The House has had many proposals that include the counties paying for half of expansion and many sideboards. The sideboards have included lifetime benefit caps, co-pays, work requirements, and others. The sideboards would

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need a waiver to impose them. The state has will probably filing for a waiver soon.

IAC staff has been looking at what would happen to CAT and the indigent programs. Senator Martin thinks the programs should be in place for the first year to determine the affects of expansion. The House is looking to suspend the programs. The idea is that if the funding from the federal government changes, those programs would be revisited. The idea is that if the programs were suspended, the counties would be relieved of the financial obligation to cover that population.

A real unknown is mental health. Counties are responsible for covering the initial costs of those committed involuntarily. Most of these facilities are called IMDs that do not accept Medicaid. In those cases, counties have to negotiate those costs. The state is reviewing a possible waiver to allow certain individuals to be covered by Medicaid in those facilities.

This is where we come in with the question of whether or not the counties should have to help pay for Medicaid expansion. The other sticking point is the justice levy. We have counties that use the indigent levy for public defense and jail medical. If we freeze or reduce the indigent levy, counties have to have funding to pay for those expenses. Staff is looking at an increase in the justice levy if the indigent levy is decreased.

Administration costs of the indigent programs are one of the hardest costs to cover and explain. Clerks, in many counties, have more duties than just indigent. There is a recognition that the savings may not be as high as they think because of the multiple duties of clerks. Clerks need to let their legislators know what will happen in their counties.

8:25 AM Health District Update - Carol Moerhle, Public Health District 2
Flu season is in affect and there has been 6 deaths in the state of Idaho. Emergency rooms do surveillance on the flu and 6.5% of the activity is flu related.

There is a measles outbreak in Oregon, with 50 cases thus far. 44 of 50 cases are unvaccinated individuals. These cases have started everywhere. The issue with measles is that individuals are contagious about 5 days before the rash shows up. The rash could come on up to 20 days after exposure. Oregon is doing many investigations trying to find all the people that are spreading this.

The public health districts have been working on the citizen review panels. The panels are up and going and reviewing cases. IDHW is looking at

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implementing an online system because there is a large paper usage. The justice side of things took a little time to get up and running but is going well now.

The public health districts home visiting programs have expanded across the state and are doing very well and crisis centers are being implemented.

8: 45 AM Legislative Update - BHB, Marriage License

Kelli Brassfield will be introducing the Regional Behavioral Health Board Modification and the Marriage License/AIDS proposals in the Senate Health and Welfare committee today.

9:15 AM Open Discussion

9:30 AM Adjourn

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