

Health and Human Services Committee

June 17, 2020 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Zoom | Boise, ID

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | Chair *Tom Dale*

Consideration of Approval of the February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2020 meeting. Ackerman seconded. Motion carried.

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

The CAT fund hasn't seen a slow down yet. The Board is set up to spend about \$18.5M. The board was not approved for their full appropriations request and may have to ask for a supplemental next year. Hospitals have been receiving funds for COVID cases. There is a CAT meeting next week.

Medicaid Expansion | *David Bell, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*

The IDHW feels that Medicaid expansion has gone smoothly so far and there are approximately 70,000 individuals enrolled. The department expects that the enrollment rate will increase as the economy decreases. This is typical when the economy seeing a downturn but hopefully it is temporary. The department is looking to expand telehealth. There has been an increase in utilization of telehealth to include dentistry. There have been some concerns about quality of care and continues to be an ongoing discussion. The department is working with CMS on guidance for telehealth. Behavioral health visits, via telehealth, are increasing but are shorter in length.

IDHW anticipates the Governor's emergency order to end July 25th but it could be extended up to 90 days. The department is receiving an increase in the FMAP of 6.25% through September from CMS. This increase will help the department continue their services, while they are seeing budget cuts.

Canyon County has seen a noticeable drop in indigent cases because of expansion. Fremont has not had a new case since January 2020. Ada County has had a great decrease and are reducing their budget by approximately \$5M. Latah has had a decrease and are reducing their budget. Lewis has seen a small reduction and are going to leave their levy for now. Custer is about the same as before. Boundary has seen a decline but not reducing too much. Minidoka is seeing a slight decrease. Cassia hasn't seen much of a reduction. Bonneville has greatly declined, are not levying this year, and are reassigning 1-2 employees. The committee would like to know how many enrollees for April and May were due to COVID.

IMD Waiver | *Ross Edmunds, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*

IMD stands for Institute for Mental Disease. There are four facilities in Idaho. Medicaid applied a waiver and it was approved. The waiver authorizes that if an individual has an inpatient stay, Medicaid can cover costs. There are some conditions. Medicaid won't pay for anything over 60 days. This is rare for most and the average stay is 45 days. The department is working with facilities to help individuals apply for Medicaid when they are first admitted. This will have a great impact on counties. The IMD waiver and expansion will have a significant impact on everyone but it is still uncertain the true impacts yet.

With the approval of the waiver, the department has to put together an implementation plan so they know that the state is not going to just rely on inpatient care.

Crisis Center Update | *Ross Edmunds, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*

The legislature took another \$1M out of the crisis center budgets; however, they can submit claims to Medicaid. The centers hope this will be enough to cover the cuts from the legislation. The legislature did include intent language for facilities that haven't been open for over a year. They are to be held harmless for the two years to get them established. There have been mixed results of submission of Medicaid claims. The data hasn't really proven that they have bent the curve in mental holds. The curve has changed a little bit but hasn't decreased them. With that said, they provide a critical component to our system.

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

The health districts have been consumed with COVID. They have been working with IDHW, IOEM, and the Governor's office, as well as counties to get a handle on this. There are some hot spots and in particular in district 3 and 5; however, they are under control. There are active contact tracers with all cases. All cases have to be monitored for 14 days. IOEM is slowing down a little bit. They have been receiving less requests.

There has been a slight increase as the economy has reopened.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

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