

Health and Human Services Committee

September 22, 2020 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | Chair *Tom Dale*

Peterson made a motion to approve the June 2020 meeting minutes. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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

Medicaid Expansion started in January and the amount of money the board has spent hasn't slowed down. The board paid more in providers payments even though the number of cases went down. You can see the cost of healthcare went up. Total spent for FY20 was \$19.5M. For 2021, there may be a need to ask for a supplemental to cover costs. The legislature only appropriated \$3M. Reimbursements have stayed about the same at approx. \$3M. The total county administrative costs were \$5.8M. Mental health was \$10M, which was 60% of the total cost.

The legislature may now be ready to repeal the indigent program. The property tax interim committee asked for repeal language to lead to property tax relief. This needs to be explored in a way that revenue sharing isn't impacted. The biggest challenge is writing language to cover mental health costs. If the indigent program is repealed the costs would be between the individual and the hospitals.

IMD Waiver | *Kathryn Mooney, IAC; Kelli D Brassfield, IAC*

There has been discussions around the state as to why the counties have not seen a decrease in spending on involuntary holds since the state passed Medicaid expansion. It appears the IMD facilities do not want to have to apply to Medicaid on behalf of the individuals that utilize their services. They are continuing to send counties the bills for their clients. It has been mentioned that the IMD facilities feel that it is an unfunded mandate to have to apply on behalf of their clients. IAC, the CAT fund, and the IDHW Behavioral Health would like to create an easier process for these facilities so that Medicaid costs the costs they were intended to with the passage of Medicaid expansion and the Support Act waiver approval.

The counties don't have a team of employees to help process whether or not individuals qualify for Medicaid either. Most of these individuals qualify for Medicaid but there is no process in place to get them Medicaid. The idea is to have a simple application that could be sent to the combined unit.

IAC to schedule a meeting to discuss including IDHW, IHA, IDHW-BH.

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

District 1 Lora Whalen: There are approximately 3,200 cases and there has been a slight uptick recently. It is hard to understand why. COVID fatigue is being seen. There were a few cases in the churches. Schools have had a couple of cases. School boards make the decisions for their districts and the public health districts are there for guidance only.

District 2 Carol Moehrle: Cases has hit 1,000. There has been an uptick in the correction facility. The University of Idaho started testing all students. 34% of the cases from this district are in the age group 18-29 and the university has impacted the numbers.

District 3 Nikki Zogg: Cases are high but the district has been trending down for about 4-5 weeks. There is a bit of household spread and a little bit of community spread.

District 4 Russ Duke: There are approximately 13,000 cases. There have been 150 deaths and most have occurred in Ada County. There has been an uptick because of testing at BSU. A lot of student cases are off campus cases. The correctional facilities have seen a number of cases but they have slowed down. The long-term care facilities have cases. This district continues to see cases come out of social gatherings which translates into household cases. There is one charter school that has chosen to close because there have been a lot of cases. There has been a rise in cases again as of last week.

District 5 Melody Boyer: There has been many cases and deaths just like all other districts. The district evaluation plan has a heavy hospital component. A couple of counties will be turning orange this week. There has been an outbreak in a couple of schools. Those schools will have to close for two weeks. With the schools, the district has used a rapid response team. This was very helpful and they receive results very quickly. Most counties have a large infection rate in the Hispanic population and there has been a lot of agriculture cases, as these are essential jobs and didn't have the same stay at home opportunity as everyone else and so there was community spread.

District 6 Maggie Mann: There has been 2,409 cases and the district is on the upswing. There have been some clusters in the jails. The majority of cases have been consistent with social gatherings to include funerals. The district is doing a lot of public education, with media releases. Testing has been a little difficult.

District 7 Geri Rekow: This district has seen 4,000 cases and 21 deaths. The jails have clusters and long-term care facilities are seeing cases. Schools have started seeing cases. The hospitals report every week and the board of health looks to them for their steps moving forward. Hospitals are seeing their highest occupancy rates. The district is preparing for an increase in cases as the



university is back in session. Madison County is a hot spot right now. The board has implemented orders with five of eight counties having orders in place right now.

Open Discussion

n/a

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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