

Health and Human Services Committee

September 28, 2021 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Boise Centre | Boise, ID

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | Chair *Joe Larsen*

Don Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2021; Elt Hasbrouck seconded. Motion carried.

Catastrophic Health Care Program | *Greg Johnson, Lewis County Commissioner; Kelli D Brassfield, LAC*

The number of CAT cases have continuously gone down since 2018, as has the amount paid to providers. The total paid out to providers for CAT and Counties was \$21.7M. The CAT received \$3.7M in reimbursements which is consistent with previous years. On the last slide you can see that the total for mental health has decreased; however, it does account for 64% of the total cases.

Medicaid Expansion | *Seth Grigg, LAC; Kelli D Brassfield, LAC*

Seen about 50% reduction in cases prior to HB 316 taking affect. The biggest way this is seen is in mental/behavioral health numbers. This came because the state requested and was approved a waiver to have Medicaid cover IMDs. When March 1 comes, the hope is that there will be even more reduction. Counties will still receive applications but will process as denials because of eligibility limitations due to HB 316. It will take some time for the applications to stop coming in. Eventually there will be a significant drop in workload. The programs have to stay in place to collect reimbursements and to cover the one population that has been identified, undocumented individuals.

Outstanding issue with HB316 is involuntary holds. There is a delayed implementation date to allow for more discussion. One change being discussed is to give IMDs the authority to apply for Medicaid for individuals. They currently don't have this authority.

Regulations of health districts and fees? There is need to find a way to untangle the state in fees. It is going to take some time. This could be a good funding source for public health districts. There has been an issue with governance. There are many opinions of who should sit on those boards. This will also take more time to resolve.

Latah County is concerned with how they are going to pay for their public health district. Did the state map how to pay for it? There is formula for the previous county funding. It is based 70% on population and 30% on market value. The state funding that the counties are taking over, the health district budget committee is the one who is supposed to determine what the apportionment is. If they can't come to a decision, the default formula is used. IAC collected from the counties all information on revenue and expenses for indigent. When the estimated savings was calculated there was a statewide savings but some counties will not see that same savings. Some counties will have to pay more to cover their health district.

Budget concerns need to be brought up to the budget committee during their hearings prior to the budget being set. HB 316 gave more budget authority and program authority to the counties. There are some bugs to work out but going ok. Worried about undocumented workers.

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

Unable to attend, as the directors are busy working in their home districts.

11:25 am Open Discussion

Has anyone heard about insurance companies mandating the vaccine or premium increases? A couple of committee members heard some rumors but nothing real yet. Gem Plan has not heard that yet.

CAT collection there was a question on liens for indigent claims. Bryon Taylor will do some research and send it to Kelli to send to the committee.

Don Hall made a motion to adjourn, Donna Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

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