

BOARD MEETING MINTUES
MONTANA REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION

January 14, 2021; 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 931 155 4655

Board Members: Michael Batista, Richard Daniels, Richard Miltenberger,
Collette Hanson, Mark Florian

Board Members Present

Richard Miltenberger-Mountain Health Co-op
Michael Batista-AARP
Richard Daniels-Ask Allegiance
Collette Hanson-Blue Cross Blue Shield
Mark Florian-PacificSource

Board Members Not Present

Others Present

Laren Walker, River 9
Diane Kopecky, River 9
Mary Belcher-CSI
Staci Litschauer-CSI
Kari Leonard-CSI
Steve Matthews-CSI
Sean Slanger-Jackson, Murdo & Grant
Bruce Spencer-Mountain Health Co-op
Lisa Kelley-Blue Cross Blue Shield
Nick Racine-Blue Cross Blue Shield
Nic Ramey-Leif & Associates

Others Not Present

Clara Comes-Pacificsource
Jen Hensley-Pacificsource

Welcome and Call to Order – Richard Miltenberger, Chair

Mary Belcher took a moment to introduce Commission Troy Downing. He stated he is looking forward to hearing more and being a part of the mission that MRA was formed under. He then informed the group that Mary Belcher is now the new Deputy Commissioner and he is honored to be working with her. They stated the team is coming

together and there has been a culture shift and they plan to get things accomplished for the people of Montana.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Collette Hanson to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting of the Board of the Montana Reinsurance Association. The motion was seconded by Mike Batista and carried.

2. Financial Report

Laren Walker discussed the November financials showing a snapshot as of November 30th. The financials show a little over \$900 in cash with \$18,875 in payables. Year to date grant revenue is \$119,275. Note 3 on Page 2 breaks down the Professional Fees by category and Note 4 shows Grant draws with a remaining balance through November 18th of \$22,019,019.

3. Review Upcoming Calendar Dates

Laren Walker discussed the items on calendar, Mary noted that the Board and CSI will prepare the annual report and quarterly reports. The draft annual report will be forwarded to CMS and then posted to the website. He also mentioned that the public forum, required under the federal terms, be held by May 20th of each year. This notice must be posted by April 20th. It is the board discretion to change that date if necessary. The public form will be discussed on the April 8th meeting.

4. Budget

Laren Walker presented a draft Budget to the Board noting that based on the Leif analysis the 2021 MRA claims reimbursements are projected to be \$39.5 million, Assessments at 12 million and other expenses at \$253,500. Leif was not asked to do a 1332 Waiver Revenue estimate, but Laren believes CMS should have the amounts out to everyone by the end of January.

The budget report is due to CSI by August of 2020, which is a board determined date, so it can be changed. Again, normally CMS announces the grant amounts in mid to end January, with the funds available in the April timeframe. The discussion continued with the Board and others in attendance taking into consideration what the carriers need to set pricing and what the board requires to set reinsurance parameters. Going forward it is recommended that Leif provide the projections of the 1332 waiver along with the Annual Assessment and Expected Claims. Changes to the actuarial projections and changes in the plan of operation will be presented at the next meeting.

5. Definition of Premium

Mary Belcher reached out to the Board regarding questions received from Blue Cross regarding the definition of what constitutes the premium for the assessment. They are wondering about the risk adjustment payments. Sean discussed if the Board wanted to make the definition they could since premium, defined by reinsurance code, is the same as premium for premium tax. Mary will take this offline and keep the board informed.

6. 1332 Waiver Update

Feb 28th the 4th quarter report will be submitted.

7. Claims Submission and Reimbursement Process

Laren Walker stated that River 9 will have working sessions with the carriers in the near future, February timeframe, to discuss the process for reimbursements.

The Board must adopt a date for the claim's submission due date. We are waiting for action on the housekeeping bill, so Bruce Spencer feels we are at least a month out for knowing if the date for reimbursements be completed will be changed to 12/31. After this the submission date will be determined by the Board with carrier input.

8. Examination results of the MRA

Mary did the examination and provided a copy for all. She wanted to note that the Board needs to make sure updates that they have made get changed in the Plan of Operation. Laren will provide a revised copy of the Plan of Operation as changes are approved. She asked that everyone stay ahead of the dates on the calendar to meet all the deadlines.

9. Other Business/Legislative Updates

None

10. Public comment

No public comments

11. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting April 8, 2021.

12. Wrap-up and Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

River 9 Consulting, Inc.