

BOARD MEETING MINTUES
MONTANA REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION

March 18, 2021; 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Board Members: Richard Miltenberger, Richard Daniels, Tony Pfaff,
Collette Hanson, Mark Florian

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Tony Pfaff – Cypress Health

Others Present

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

Others Not Present

Welcome and Call to Order – Richard Miltenberger, Chair

1. American Rescue Plan

Collette wanted to bring this to everyone's attention and wanted to get an actuarial input on how the American Rescue plan will play into our 1332 waiver. The two items related to Reinsurance is the elimination of the reconciliation adjustment and the expansion of the FPL level. There is a substantial change in the maximum premium that the member is obligated to pay due to this increase which will change pass through funding. The

discussion continued regarding the need to an actuarial study and a pass-through funding report. Carriers need the best information available regarding the reinsurance and they would like, in light of all the uncertainty, to have an actuarial company engaged for assistance.

The board suggested River 9 reach out to some actuaries for an informal request for services. Laren will do that, and the Board will meet after these requests have been answered. It was determined that this was not an all-inclusive request.

Needing to have a 3-day notice to the public, which this meeting did not, the discussion and vote will be done at the next meeting.

2. Other Business/Legislative Updates

Mary noted that we have until 3/31 to complete the CMS annual report, Laren is working with Mary and they are waiting on information from a few carriers yet.

House bill 63 has not passed with our revisions of the 1-year MLR vs 3 year and allowing us to reimburse by 12/31, but an effective date was neglected, and our section should have an effective date of July 1st. Mary and Bruce will see what they can do to get this addressed and Mary hopes to include these changes in the annual report to CMS.

Laren is working on the Red line on the Plan of Operations and will be doing it as if all items in HB 63 have passed. This is forthcoming.

In working with the auditors, they have suggested MRA move forward and file for a tax-exempt status. Bruce Spencer noted that as a governmental entity created by state statute, they are tax exempt anyway. Bruce, Mary, and Sean will get together and provide information at the next meeting as to the options for MRA.

3. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be either the 29th or 30th.

4. Wrap-up and Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

River 9 Consulting, Inc.