

## **BOARD MEETING MINTUES**

### **MONTANA REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

November 12, 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, Erik Wood

#### **Board Members Present**

- Richard Miltenberger (Mountain Health Co-op)
- Collette Hanson (BCBSMT)
- Erik Wood (PacificSource)
- Richard Daniels (Allegiance)
- Tony Pfaff (Cypress Health)

#### **Others Present**

- Mark Florian (PacificSource)
- Sean Slinger (Jackson, Murdo & Grant)
- CSI (Mary Belcher, Erin Snyder, Ben Eckstein, Ashley Perez, Shirley Davidson,
- Staci Litschauer, Troy Downing)
- River 9 (Laren Walker and Diane Kopecky)
- Julie Peper (Wakely)
- Nick Racine (BCBSMT)

#### **Welcome and Call to Order – Richard Miltenberger, Chair**

##### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

*A motion was made by Collette Hanson to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting with two changes: capitalizing the word Review and completing the last sentence in #9. The minutes will be updated and posted to the website. The motion was seconded by Erik Wood and carried.*

##### **2. Operations Report**

Laren presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Operations Report. A total of \$219,935 has been drawn in Grant funds for the administration of the Program.

##### **3. Status of Audit Claims**

Ashley Perez and Erin Snyder presented the results of the CSI's claims audit. Any discrepancies were submitted to the carriers for review and verification. CSI's audited amounts equaled River 9's calculations. Erin also discussed lessons learned and future recommendations.

For future years, Collette suggested that carriers use the EDGE server claims data to minimize or eliminate discrepancies. With respect to the Edge data, it was noted there may be situations where a claim could be rejected by CMS and the carrier would no longer be eligible for reimbursement. There is also a different cutoff date for the EDGE file (April 1 of each year). The Board would need to change the cutoff date currently established in the plan of operation for submission of claims from June 30 to April 1 of each year. It was determined that these decisions would not advantage any one carrier over the other.

River 9 will update the Plan of Operations to reflect the above changes and present to the Board at its next meeting.

*Motion to concur with the audit and authorize the payment of claims was made by Collette Hanson. The motion was seconded by Erik Wood and carried.*

#### **4. Administration Fee reduction**

Laren identified River9 will reduce its administrative fees from \$17,000 a month to \$15,000 per month beginning 1/1/2022. Sean and Laren will draft an amendment to the current contract for execution by the Board and River9.

#### **5. Program Budget & Projections**

Julie Peper, Wakely, presented her program budget and projections for future years. She spent a few minutes discussing the 2020 experience. But for the adjustments made for BCBSMT with respect to its MLR, it would have been more of a break-even year. She then discussed the 2021 funding with estimated total funding of \$40,548,509 and estimated claims of \$40,740,000. This estimate includes around \$6 million in carryover funds. For 2022, she estimated funding (assessments plus pass-through funding) of \$39,410,000 and estimated claims of \$45,600,000. With these estimates, the carryover balance should reduce substantially. Pass-through funding is estimated to be lower than expected due to the smaller change in the SLCSP. She then explained the 2023 estimates both with and without ARP funds. There will continue to be dialogue around the 2023 estimates and parameters, especially if there is a surplus.

#### **6. Claims Received after Cutoff Date**

Sean addressed the issue of claims received after the cutoff date of 6/30. The statute requires that any surplus be rolled over into the next year. Laren recommended that a committee be formed to discuss how this issue will be handled in the future. Laren will update the Board based on the outcome of this effort.

#### **7. Other Business/Legislative Updates**

Mary identified there were no legislative updates. Assessments should be going out to carriers in early December.

**8. 1332 Waiver Update**

No update

**9. Public Comment**

No public comment

**10. Next Meeting Date**

River 9 will calendar the 4 quarterly meetings. Additional meetings may be added if necessary.

**11. Wrap-up and adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

River 9 Consulting, Inc.