

BOARD MEETING MINTUES
MONTANA REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION

July 21, 2022; 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.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)
- Richard Daniels (Allegiance)
- Erik Wood (PacificSource)
- Tony Pfaff (Cypress Health)

Board Members Not Present

Others Present

- Mark Florian (PacificSource)
- Julie Peper (Wakely)
- Sean Slinger (Jackson, Murdo & Grant)
- Bruce Spencer (Bruce Spencer Law)
- CSI (Mary Belcher and Erin Snyder)
- River 9 (Laren Walker and Diane Kopecky)
- Nick Racine (BCBSMT)

Welcome and Call to Order – Richard Miltenberger, Chair

1. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from April 26, 2022, May 19th, 2022, and June 9, 2022, board meetings were discussed.

A request was made to clarify the May 19th minutes where the 2023 parameters were discussed. It is proposed that the motion be changed to read as follows:

Motion to accept the first option from the Wakely report of a \$1 million reserve, \$40,000 attachment point, co-insurance 60%, and the annual cap of \$80,800 as the 2023 parameters was made by Richard Miltenberger. It was seconded by Collette Hanson and carried.

A motion was made by Collette Hanson to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022, May 19, 2022 (with changes) and June 9, 2022, meetings. The motion was seconded by Erik Wood and carried.

2. Operational Report

Laren Walker presented the 2nd Quarter Operations Report. A total of \$220,642 has been drawn in Grant funds for the administration of the Program along with \$44,279 in Assessments. There have been no claims for 2021 year, they are due August 15th.

3. Post Award Public Forum

Laren provided the minutes from the Post Award Public Forum held on April 28, 2022, along with a copy of the Notice which was posted on the website. There was no public attendance, and this will be reported to CMS in the 2nd quarter report.

4. Cost Containment

Mary Belcher stated that every year CMS asks what cost containment measures are utilized to control claim costs. We have responded in the past that all carriers have cost containment programs for all claims including utilization review, large claim management, subrogation and other processes. Mary indicated that we should be able to provide a more detailed explanation to CMS of these cost containment measures. She will follow up with an email to the carriers asking you to report that information by the end of this year.

5. Update on 1332 Waiver

The first quarter 1332 report was filed on May 31, 2022. River 9 has began working on the 2nd quarter report and that will be due August 29, 2022. The past through report is due on September 15th to CMS. Julie Peper, from Wakely, will begin the data request mid-August to meet the deadline.

6. Other Business/Legislative Updates

Mary suggested that the Board discuss if the program will continue beyond the 2024 year. CSI will need to notify CMS by the end of 2023 if we will not be renewing. Richard believes that the program does create a benefit for the consumers in Montana. Collette Hanson and Erik Wood both feel that there is a benefit from the program but would enjoy an analysis of how it is affecting the whole population including those not in the Program. Mary will schedule a meeting with the Commissioner and the Board to discuss. CSI would also like to review the assessment base and evaluate any legislative changes that may be necessary.

Laren mentioned that the June 30 reporting deadline to the Commissioner and EAIC has been completed. Currently, the annual discussion has not been added to the EAIC agenda, but Mary will notify everyone when that happens.

CSI and River 9 are working on updates to the Plan of Operation to include the history of the parameters through the years.

7. Public Comment

No public comment

8. Next Meeting Date

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday October 20, 2022.

9. Wrap-up and adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

River 9 Consulting, Inc.