

**BOARD MEETING MINTUES**  
**MONTANA REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

January 19, 2023; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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)
- Richard Daniels (Allegiance)
- Erik Wood (PacificSource)

**Board Members Not Present**

- Tony Pfaff (Cypress Health)

**Others Present**

- Mark Florian (PacificSource)
- Wakely (Lydia Tolman)
- Sean Slanger (Jackson, Murdo & Grant)
- Bruce Spencer (Bruce Spencer Law)
- CSI (Mary Belcher, Erin Snyder, and Nikki Davison)
- River 9 (Laren Walker and Diane Kopecky)
- BCBSMT (Nick Racine)

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

**1. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from October 24, 2022, and the December 20, 2022, board meetings were discussed.

*A motion was made by Erik Wood to approve the minutes of both meetings. The motion was seconded by Collette Hanson and carried.*

**2. Operational Report**

Laren Walker presented the 4th Quarter Operations Report, this is the preliminary report since it will be audited. River 9 has updated with the 2022 IBNR from Wakely. This amount will be adjusted as needed before the final audit. Laren also pointed out that this does not include any runout for 2021 claims. The claims submitted in August were paid on December 28th for a total of \$39,134,012.72. Total draws from the grant for the year have been \$29,741,906.

### **3. 2022 Audit**

As directed by the Board at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, River 9 continued to negotiate the audit fees with Eide Bailly. They wanted to increase the audit fees by over 10%. The final negotiated audit fees for 2022 are \$29,040. This is a \$40 increase over last year. Laren Walker did sign the engagement letter and River 9 is working with the auditor currently.

### **4. Plan of Operation Change**

The proposed changes are not urgent changes and so far, they consist of the date for the edge server cutoff and changes to runout. Legislative changes will take place sometime in March/April so we can finalize the changes to the plan of operations in our next board meeting.

### **5. Update on 1332 Waiver**

We have not received the estimated funding letter yet but we expect it in March. The final number will be communicated by CMS around the May timeframe. The Annual report is due March 31.

### **6. Cost Containment**

Mary reported that CSI finalized the reporting form. It was sent to many companies; not just the insurers in the program. The due date is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary will forward the form to everyone.

### **7. Assessment Collections**

Erin reported assessment letters went out in December. They have received all assessments totaling \$9.91 million which is around \$600,000 less than expected due to differences in rate projections.

### **8. CSI Audit Findings**

Mary asked Nikki to report on the findings when the audit is complete. The audit is more complicated than expected because MRA is a component unit.

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

CSI is watching the housekeeping bill that eliminates the runout requirement. December of 2023 is when we need to notify CMS if we wish to continue the 1332 waiver. The extension is as detailed as the original application, and we also need to include any changes that we may want to make. Mary also mentioned that the public forum will need to be scheduled before the next meeting.

### **10. Public Comment**

No public comment

### **10.5 RFP for Administrative Services**

The contract with River 9 expires in May of this year, so we will need to do the RFP process.

*Motion to authorize Sean to begin the RFP process was made by Collett Hanson second by Rich Daniels*

Mary has requested to be included.

**10.75 Pricing recommendations**

Collette Hanson was interested in finding out what the timeline will be for pricing recommendations. Lydia was prepared with the following timeline.

1/23/23 – reach out to CSI to touch base  
2/17/23-Send out Data request (with additional adds from last year)  
3/17/23 Data due  
4/7/23 Draft parameters due to CSI  
4/27/23- Board meeting

**11. Next Meeting Date**

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday April 27, 2023.

**12. Wrap-up and adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

River 9 Consulting, Inc.