

## Insure Montana Board Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2013

Board Members Present: John Thomas, Claudia Clifford, Tim O’Leary, Carol Roy

Phone Attendance: Dave Kendall, Katherine Buckley-Patton

Interested Parties: Ginger MacDonald, Kim Weisert, Adam Schafer, Jennifer McKee

Insure Montana Staff: Jill Sark, Stephanie Witham, Ecko Edwards, Mike Paterson, Renee Little, Shauna Longmire

- I. Call to Order – 1:05 p.m.
- II. New Staff Members Introduced
  - a. Mike Paterson and Stephanie Witham
- III. New Board Members Introduced
  - a. Claudia Clifford and Tim O’Leary
- IV. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2013 and October 2, 2013
  - a. Dave Kendall made a motion to approve the August 27, 2013 and October 2, 2013 meeting minutes and John Thomas seconded the motion. There was no public comment, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- V. Board Member Kelly Robison-Konecny, the consumer representing the small business community, has resigned from the board effective immediately.
- VI. Financial Report
  - a. Current Budget – Jill gave an update and provided a handout of the current budget expenditure and projections. She provided an overview of the program’s budget for the new members.
  - b. Enrollment Report – Jill gave an update stating in May 2013 there were 724 businesses enrolled in the purchasing pool and as of December 2013 there are 694 for a loss of 30 businesses.
- VII. Affordable Care Act – Adam gave an update of how Monica and he are traveling to the various Indian Reservations within the state to conduct Town Hall Meetings to provide ACA information. He also provided a handout of the power point presentation that is presented when he and Monica conduct the Town Hall Meetings.
  - a. Jennifer discussed the website questions that are being received regarding the Affordable Care Act.
- VIII. Vision Contract Update – Jill provided information that the contract with VSP for eye exams had been renewed for 2014 with an added \$100 benefit for hardware.
- IX. Plan of Operation – Jill provided proposed changes to the Plan of Operation that included a change in the incentive and assistance payment calculation methodology. There was discussion regarding the loss of dental coverage in 2014. Claudia Clifford made a motion to accept the changes suggested and David Kendall seconded the motion. There was no public comment, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- X. Audit Schedule – It was proposed to conduct a survey or ask questions when conducting audits to find out if the business or employees had looked into the individual exchange or just decided to stay with Insure MT. The survey could be used to determine who may consider leaving the program in the upcoming year or who has done their due diligence and determined that Insure MT is the best option for their business.
  - a. Setting up an online survey was discussed with Ginger MacDonald volunteering to do the research on the survey template.
  - b. Jill will provide draft survey questions to the Board prior to the next meeting.

- c. Claudia Clifford requested information regarding how many employees fell into the 0-100% of the Federal Poverty Level. Jill will email the information to the Board members.
- XI. Audit Planning – It was suggested that the audits focus on premium assistance (employee income audits) and business contributions.
- XII. Next Meeting – Thursday April 10, 2014 (*later rescheduled to Friday, April 11, 2014*)
- XIII. 2014 Meeting Schedule – April 11, 2014, June 24, 2014, September 30, 2014 and December 9, 2014
  - a. Adjourn – Tim O’Leary made the motion to adjourn and Dave Kendall seconded the motion. There was no public comment, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- XIV. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.