

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE POOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**January 8, 2009  
SelectHealth  
4646 West Lake Park Boulevard  
Auditorium A  
1:00 p.m.**

**Directors Present:** Libby Hunter, Acting Chair; Andy Galano; Victor Gibb; Neal Gooch; Irene Link; Byron Okutsu ; Rob Perry; Randy Smart; Norman Thurston.

**Directors Absent:** Douglas Hasbrouck, M.D., Chair; Michael Bahr; Matthew Minkevitch.

**Present by Invitation:** Tomi Ossana; Perri Ann Babalis; Troy Pritchett.

**SelectHealth Staff Present:** Jim Murray; Lyndee Astill; Maren Donaldson ; Fran Gard; Jesse Liddell; Annette Meier; Judy Wolf.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Libby Hunter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The HIPUtah minutes of November 13, 2008 were presented. **The HIPUtah Board had no changes or corrections.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT—Jesse Liddell**

1. A drop in enrollment is anticipated this month due to the bi-annual Eligibility Verification process. There currently are 94 enrollees who have been termed. If Verification Forms are submitted late they can possibly be reinstated.
2. At the next HIPUtah Board Meeting the Milliman Debit Point Distribution will be updated to reflect points from 100 and up.

**HIPUTAH 1st QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Tomi Ossana**

The current balance sheet shows some irregularities due to the corrections that were made to the Premium Assistance Subsidy process.

**ACTUARIAL REPORT & FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS—Troy Pritchett**

1. Experience incurred and paid through November 2008 shows a projected net asset balance June 30, 2009 of \$31.0 million.
2. The IBNR as of November 30, 2008 is projected to be \$2.9 million.
3. Due to the softer economy HIPUtah looks for an increase in enrollment. However, enrollment currently is slightly lower than projected.

**FY 08-09 BUDGET REVIEW & FY 2010 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST/CUTS—Tomi Ossana**

1. HIPUtah Board works through a level funding mechanism to maintain a six month reserve. The HIPUtah Board is requesting \$1.5 million in ongoing funding. For FY2010 the \$10.8 million base budget has been reduced to \$10 million and may be reduced , a projected 15%, again in the upcoming legislative session.
2. Ms. Ossana has meetings scheduled during the month of January to discuss the budget cuts. At the HIPUtah Board's suggestion Ms. Ossana should continue to push the fiscally prudent \$1.5 million increase in the funding.

**FY 2009 LEGISLATION—Tomi Ossana**

1. Ms. Ossana presented upcoming legislation for the 2009 General Session. The HIPUtah Board would like to make sure these actions would not violate any HIPAA rights.
  - a. Expanding eligibility for the pool. If individuals have individual insurance which has been involuntarily terminated and move from another state that has guaranteed issue they should not have to meet residency requirements to qualify for HIPUtah. This would require a statute change.
  - b. Health System Reform. This bill would expand access to the insurance market, stabilize premiums and create market flexibility. These results would be accomplished by changing the meaning of small group, Utah NetCare Basic Health Care Plan (Mandate Lite), provide an alternative to COBRA and changes in the length of the 6 month state continuation plan.
2. Ms. Ossana will discuss information with CMS and provide input to the board regarding SAM status and the option of the alternative to COBRA.
3. Senate Bill 81 is scheduled to take effect 7/1/09. It prevents any State money assisting illegal aliens with health care. Unless there is a change in the implementation date and process will need to be developed to determine HIPUtah's approach.

**ACTION ITEM LIST—Tomi Ossana**

1. NASCHIP. Ms Ossana will not be attending the NASCHIP Board meeting 1/11/09 through 1/13/09 due to a conflict with meetings with the Commerce and Workforce Services Appropriation Committee.
2. Eligibility Verification on HIPUtah Enrollees. The eligibility verification of HIPUtah enrollees has now been completed by SelectHealth. It was discussed a total of 94 enrollees were termed for the following reasons:
  - a. eligible for group coverage
  - b. non-residency
  - c. payment by employer
  - d. not returning the Eligibility Verification Form
3. Producer Fee Discussion. Many of the applications submitted by producers are incomplete when sent to SelectHealth. The HIPUtah Board discussed what education needed to be provided to agents. **It was moved a training/certification course for agents be established and required in order to receive producer fees.** Moved—Rob Perry; seconded—Irene Link. Motion Approved.
4. Paul Pilzer Request. In 2008 a law was passed by the State Legislature that employers can not pay any part of the HIPUtah Premium. Mr. Pilzer requested that the HIPUtah Board clarify their interpretation of this law concerning the approval/denial of applications. **It was moved Mr. Pilzer be notified that he can seek an interpretation by the courts or a change in the law. Until notified otherwise HIPUtah will continue to administer this provision as currently administered.** Moved—Norman Thurston; seconded—Rob Perry. Motion approved.

**PREMIUM ASSISTANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM UPDATE—Tomi Ossana**

1. The application status for approved Premium Subsidies currently stands at 626. They break down as follows:
  - a. 50% subsidy 295
  - b. 25% subsidy 272
  - c. 8% subsidy 59
1. The 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines should be out by the end of January. The new breakdown will then be determined so the 2009 applications can be prepared and distributed.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009, 1 pm at SelectHealth.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Neal Gooch, secretary  
Utah Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool