

Policy Committee Minutes
July 22, 2019
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan and Sharon O’Hara

Staff Present: Dustin Arnette, Brian Braun, Saphia Elfituri, Molly McClurg, Ian McMahon, Lisa Sevier and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone. The June Committee Meeting minutes were voted on and approved.

II. Updates

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

There are no updates from HCPF.

Division of Insurance (DOI)

The DOI have announced the initial rate filings for plan year 2020. If the reinsurance program is approved rates will drop, on average, by 18.2% year-over-year.

Stakeholder meetings continue for the proposal for an affordable health coverage option.

HB19-1004 Proposal for Affordable Health Coverage Option

A [document](#) has been included with the Policy Committee meeting materials to open up discussion and/or comment on the possibility of Connect for Health Colorado offering a state option for affordable health coverage. This would be dependent on recommendation from the state as to whether a state option should be offered.

Comments can be sent to Board@c4hco.com.

III. HRA FAQ

Staff gave the Committee a brief overview of the Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) explainer [document](#). The document was written primarily for brokers, to help answer some questions around the [differences](#) between the individual coverage integrated HRA (ICHRA) and the qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement (QSEHRA).

The Committee and staff discussed the addition of a tool, currently a work in process, that will better explain different options, including the ICHRA, to small business owners.

More information will be provided as federal guidance is released.

IV. Policy Agenda

The Committee reviewed the framework of the [Policy Agenda](#) to ensure the organization has the best foundational elements to develop a policy roadmap.

The Committee is to clarify resources, begin discussions on the roadmap and review possible financial and business developments.

V. Public Comment

Given by:

[Comment letter submitted by CAHP & AHIP](#)

Brad Niederman, Colorado State Association of Health Underwriters (CSAHU)

Patti Meyer, Benefit Mall

Tim Hebert, Sage Benefits

Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law and Policy

It was noted that the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee will meet Thursday, August 1 at the Legislative Services Building, located at 200 E. 14th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair