

Policy Committee Minutes
June 22, 2020
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Kate Harris (proxy for Mike Conway), Sharon O’Hara, and Mike Stahl

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Ian McMahon, Danny O’Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Kevin Patterson, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Lisa Sevier, Aron Snyder, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone.

The May Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Legislative Update

Staff provided the Committee with a legislative update. Due to Covid-19, the Legislature was faced with a three-billion-dollar revenue shortfall. This shortfall resulted in a new budget with multiple budget cuts. HB 20-1008, the health care cost-sharing arrangement, was one of the bills supported by the exchange and effected by the budget cuts, causing it to “die on the calendar”.

The following bills supported by the exchange were passed through the Legislature:

- HB20-1236 – Health Care Coverage Easy Enrollment Program
- SB 20-215 – Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise

Mrs. O’Hara called for public comment. Public comment given by Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law & Policy (put this at the end of the minutes under public comment & only mention the one time)

III. Strategic Goal #3 Metrics

The Committee reviewed a presentation on strategic goal #3, *to improve the ability of customers to attain and retain the right coverage for their need*, metrics in order to initiate discussion.

Action Item

Staff will provide data from the customer satisfaction annual survey to July Policy Committee meeting.

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IV. HCPF Update

Staff at the Colorado department of health care policy and financing (HCPF) shared a presentation on the Medicaid, CHP+ membership surge forecast. There is an expected membership surge of more than 500,000 Coloradoans this coming fiscal year. When the public health emergency period ends, HCPF projects an estimated disenrollment of more than 300,000 members who do not meet eligibility criteria. Communications specific to individuals coming off Medicaid will be put in place to direct them to the exchange.

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V. DOI Update

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided an update to the Committee. The DOI will be working to appoint the enterprise board that will be seated by October 1, 2020. The DOI is entering into rate filing season with a timeline of October being the rate release.

VI. Policy Agenda

The Committee reviewed a presentation on Policy agenda updates. The Policy agenda builds upon the vision set in the Policy agenda principles which exemplify the values of the organization and serve as the paradigm through which we view progress toward improving healthcare access and affordability in Colorado. The presentation highlighted background, guiding principles, priorities, progress, and proposed future Policy focus.

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VII. Board Advisory Group Annual Calendar

The Committee reviewed the annual calendar of Board Advisory Group discussion topics.

VIII. Governance Best Practices

Staff discussed 5 key points of governance best practices.

- No Inherent conflict of interest from outside interests of CHCO

- Obligation to exercises care and prudent business judgement
- Avoid competitive conflicts (however likely)
- Disclosure is a “safe harbor” when in doubt about any conflict
- There is no material governance impact on C4HCO’s Board from outside interests

IX. Public Comment

Public comment given by Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law & Policy

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O’Hara
Policy Committee Chair