

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
August 10, 2020
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Board Members Present: Elisabeth Arenales, Kim Bimestefer, Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Kate Harris (Proxy for Mike Conway), Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O'Hara, Marc Reece, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Emma Oppenheim, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Lisa Sevier, and Monica VanBuskirk

Teleconference and phone conference lines were available for people to join.

I. Business Agenda

- Adela Flores-Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the July Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

II. Board Report

Medicaid Membership Forecast

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), reviewed findings from the Unemployment Insurance & Health Coverage Survey.

Marketplace Coverage Bridge

Staff presented an update on the progress of the Medicaid to Marketplace bridge. Progress to date includes:

- Internal teams have met to discuss potential impact to operations from Medicaid to Marketplace coverage bridge.
- Policy and Communications teams established bi-monthly meeting series with HCPF.
- The public health emergency declaration extended to October 23, 2020.

The presentation also highlighted assumptions, unknowns, defining success, next steps and guiding principles to initiate Board conversation.

Action Item

Staff to provide communication plan and data transfer process at

the August Policy Committee Meeting.

DOI Rate Filing

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided an update on rate filing. The DOI is currently in the 60-day window of the rate review process and expect final rates in early October. Public comment on the rates will be open until August 26, 2020.

III. CEO Report

Action Items

The Board reviewed the updated list of action items.

Advisory Board Recruitments

CEO, Kevin Patterson, discussed the process for the Advisory Board recruitments. Recruitment continues for the Public Benefit Corporation (PBC), Easy Eligibility, and coordination with DOI regarding the health insurance affordability enterprise.

The Committee recruitment process can be found here.

Vision Statement

The Board reviewed the latest draft vision statement. Board suggestions include the addition of:

- “to achieve the lowest uninsured rate in the country”
- the word “coverage” between “care” and “options”

Additional conversation will be held at the September Board Retreat to craft a revised version of the vision statement.

IV. Finance & Operations

Finance Update

Staff provided a verbal financial update to the Board.

Action Item

Staff to provide a footnote in the monthly dashboard to identify those in the special enrollment period (SEP) related to Covid-19.

V. Policy

Sharon O’Hara, chair of the Policy Committee, provided an overview of the July Policy Committee Meeting, including a review of the eligible but not enrolled (EBNE) analysis; as well as the notice of benefit and payment parameters.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment given by Aj Ehrle, Broker.

VII. Executive Session

Ms. Flores-Brennan entertained a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning a personnel and/or contractual matter. A vote was called for and passed with unanimous approval.

The Executive Session is permitted pursuant to CRS §24-6-402(4)(e) & (c) and 24-6-402(4)(f).

The Board will not return after the Executive Session, the public portion of the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Brockbank
Secretary

Next Meeting

September 14, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.,
immediately followed by the annual Board Retreat