

***Policy Committee Minutes***  
***August 24, 2020***  
***1:00 PM – 3:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Kate Harris (proxy for Mike Conway), Sharon O’Hara, and Mike Stahl

**Staff Present:** Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Linda Gann, Kelly Guthner, 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 June and July Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**II. HCPF Update**

Staff at the Colorado department of health care policy and financing (HCPF) provided an update to the Committee.

- HCPF is currently awaiting guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the end of the public health emergency (PHE).
- HCPF continues to work with the exchange, sharing data regarding transitioning members from Medicaid to the exchange

**III. DOI Update**

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided an update to the Committee.

- As the public health emergency continues, the DOI continues to reissue emergency regulations.
- Effective November 1, 2020, The DOI will adopt their updated uniform applications for Health Benefit Plans. The updated applications no longer require a social security number and gender markers have been updated.
- The DOI will be releasing an updated draft bulletin containing the latest U.S Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) preventative services recommendations. The draft will be out for comment at the end of this week.

**IV. Medicaid to Marketplace Bridge**

Communications Plan and Data Transfer Process

The Committee reviewed a presentation on data transfer from the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) to the exchange. Currently, the primary data transfer occurs via the payload files sent from CBMS. The presentation provided details on the current payload processing and why it is not the most efficient way to address the Medicaid to Marketplace bridge. The exchange will continue to work with HCPF for ongoing reporting through the termination process to support outreach and enrollment progress.

**V. Policy Agenda**

Staff discussed the proposed future Policy focus. The purpose of the proposed future Policy focus is to think outside the Policy box to materially improve the user experience. Staff requested the Board to consider administrative burdens such as learning costs, compliance costs, and psychological costs concerning the constituents that they represent for further discussion.

**VI. Strategic Plan Goals & Objectives**

The committee reviewed progress made on the 2021-2024 strategic plan. The presentation was orchestrated through a staff discussion guided by Ross Weiler of Day Health Strategies.

The Committee provided feedback on proposed strategic plan goals and objectives:

- Regarding goal #1, *advocate to improve access to coverage in rural areas of Colorado*, the Board suggests focusing on increasing enrollment in a more equitable way that serves all populations of Colorado.
- Regarding goal #3, *improve the ability of customers to attain and retain the right coverage for their needs*, the Board suggests integrating proactive thinking about attaining and retaining coverage for people facing the greatest barriers to health care.

The Strategic plan goals and objectives will be presented for Board discussion at the September Board Retreat Meeting and finalized at the October Board Meeting.

**VII. Public Comment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara  
Policy Committee Chair