

***Board Meeting Minutes***  
**Connect for Health Colorado**  
***January 11, 2021***  
***12:00 PM to 3:00 PM***

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Nyle Boyd, Brian Braun, Saphia Elfituri, David Hague, Kelly Guthner, Emma Oppenheim, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Lisa Sevier, Katie Shannon, and Monica VanBuskirk

Teleconference and phone conference lines were available for members of the public to join.

**I. Business Agenda**

- Claire Brockbank called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the December Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

**II. Board Report**

Board Treasurer

The Board discussed the need for a Treasurer to support financial function at the Board level. The Treasurer will act as Chair of the Board’s Finance & Operations Committee.

Board Succession Planning

Board Member, Sharon O’Hara, will soon be termed. This opens a position for a Policy Committee Chair.

Potential Amendment to Bylaws

Staff presented the potential amendment to the Bylaws to include the addition of a treasurer. The Organization is required to post any change to the Bylaws for public comment 30 days prior to the amendment.

No action is required until the February Board Meeting.

### III. **CEO Report**

#### ICHRAs: A Carrier's Perspective

Co-founder of Friday Health Plans, Sal Gentile, presented a carrier's perspective on individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement (ICHRA) to facilitate Board conversation.

#### Open Enrollment 8 (OE8)

Staff presented updates on Open Enrollment 8 (OE8) from Marketing & Outreach and the service center.

#### **Action Item**

Staff to provide driver analysis for individuals not using financial assistance.

Staff to provide additional strategies to address the eligible but no enrolled (EBNE) if additional funds were available to the assistance network.

#### Board & Committees Annual Calendar

The Board reviewed the Board and Committees Annual Calendars for 2021 and 2022.

#### HIAFE Update

The Exchange continues to work with the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAFE), sharing information around what a wrap program would look like. The two considerations for a wrap program are income and geography

#### PBC Update

Kevin Patterson provided the Board with a brief update on the Public Benefit Corporation (PBC). Introductory meetings continue to be held monthly and staff will continue to provide the Board with regular updates on the PBC.

### IV. **Finance & Operations**

#### Technology Project Estimates

The Board reviewed the technology project cost estimates including specific projects, estimated costs, and estimated completion dates. The Finance and Operations Committee will continue to monitor the forecasting of the technology projects.

#### Bank Account Creation

The Finance and Operations Committee recommended approval to proceed in opening a banking relationship with UMB Bank and to consolidate existing banking accounts to streamline treasury management.

Lorez Meinhold motioned to recommend approval of the UMB banking relationship. Claire Brockbank seconded the motion.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Ms. Brockbank called for the motion to vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

**Yes:** Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O’Hara, Marc Reece, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

#### Financial Policy Updates

The financial policies have been updated to include language around transactions with the PBC . The Finance and Operations Committee recommended approval of the changes.

Lorez Meinhold motioned to recommend approval of the updated financial policies. Sharon O’Hara seconded the motion.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Ms. Brockbank called for the motion to vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

**Yes:** Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O’Hara, Marc Reece, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson.

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

## **V. Policy**

### Board Legislative Approach

The Policy Committee did not meet in December. Staff presented the amended Board legislative approach and highlighted the following:

- Connect for Health Colorado will not take a position on legislation unless the legislation will have a direct and significant impact on the continued operation of the Exchange
- If a piece of legislation is anticipated to have a direct and significant impact on the continued operation of the Exchange, the Board may discuss whether a position and/or public testimony is warranted. If the Board is unable to convene in a timely manner, the Executive Committee may discuss whether a position and/or public testimony is warranted. The full Board will be notified within 24 hours and prior to any public testimony given.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova, Broker.

Public comment given by Gary Manchulenko, Broker.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl  
Secretary

**Next Meeting**

February 8, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.