

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
March 11, 2024
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mara Baer, Kim Bimestefer, Mike Conway, Adam Fox, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Robert Ruiz-Moss, and Dick Thompson.

Board Members Absent: Christy Blakely

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Jessalyn Hampton, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, and Nina Schwartz

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

I. Business Agenda

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

II. Board Report

Add New Secretary to the Executive Committee

At the last Executive & Finance Committee Meeting, Christy Blakely volunteered to become the new Board Secretary. This was seconded by Annie Lee and unanimously accepted by the Board.

III. CEO Report

Medicaid to Marketplace Bridge

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) provided an update on the public health emergency (PHE) unwind.

Staff at Connect for Health Colorado provided an update on the Medicaid to Marketplace bridge.

HIAE Board

At the last Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) Board meeting, there was discussion surrounding lining up the work between HIAE and Connect for Health Colorado to ensure the advanced cost sharing reduction (CSR) moves to 250%. Connect for Health Colorado's scope of work was approved by the HIAE Board.

Kevin's DC Trip

Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Patterson, discussed his recent trip to Washington, D.C. Mr. Patterson spoke on a panel at the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) Capitol Conference 2024 regarding the Individual Market and was able to report positive feedback on the direction of Connect for Health Colorado.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

Approve Next Plan Year Carrier Fee

Staff presented the Issuer fee recommendation for plan year 2025. The recommendation is to maintain the current structure of 3.5% of premiums of plans issued through the Exchange for plan year 2025. The presentation included a chart graphic on other state-based marketplace (SBM) fee summaries for 2024.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the 3.5% fee structure for plan year 2025. Adam fox seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson called for public comment. No public comment was given.

The recommendation passes with one abstention from Patrick Gordon.

Approve Financial Policies

With the recent changes in Board structure, the approval of financial policies will be moved and presented at the April Board meeting.

V. Policy & Operations

Legislative Update

The Board reviewed a Legislative update which summarized the following bills:

- HB24-1035: Modernize Health Benefit Exchange Governance, which the Board has taken a support position on. The bill passed Senate Health and Human services 6-2 on March 6, 2024. Next step will be the Senate Committee of the whole
- SB024-093: Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change, which staff is recommending a support position with input from issuer representatives from the Board
- HB24-1258: Credit Covered person Expenses Insurer Insolvency, which staff is recommending a support position from the Board

Adam Fox motioned to recommend the Board take a support position for SB024-093. Annie Lee Seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson called for public comment. Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova.

The recommendation passes with one abstention from Patrick Gordon.

HB24-1258 will be moved to the upcoming Policy & Operations Committee meeting to ensure further discussion & input from carriers on the Committee.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

April 8, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.