

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

Board Members Present: Mara Baer, Kim Bimestefer, Christy Blakely, Jennifer Brooks, Adam Fox, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Robert Ruiz-Moss, and Dick Thompson

Board Members Absent: Mike Conway

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, David Hague, Jessalyn Hampton, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Renata Robinson, 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 12:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.
- The minutes from the July Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Board Report

There was a Board Retreat held on July 8, 2024 involving concept discussions that will continue to have follow-up in upcoming Board meetings.

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.

Operations Update

The Operational statistics for July were presented, showing improvement in service levels from last year for both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

IV. Policy & Operations Committee

Board Support for Extending Enhanced Subsidies

Staff presented the impacts on Enhanced Marketplace Subsidies by the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act, highlighting the expiration of subsidies at the end of Plan Year 2025

without Congressional action. The subsidies currently provide a 0% premium plan for customers with income up to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level and no cap at 400% and with the expiration, 77% of customers would see reduced or eliminated financial help. Staff is seeking a statement of support from the Board to extend Enhanced Subsidies.

Christy Blakely motioned to approve Board support of extending enhanced subsidies. Patrick Gordon seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes unanimously, with the expectation that there will be follow-up after further discussions in the Policy and Operations Committee meeting.

V. Executive & Finance Committee

Staff provided an update on year-end financials. Due to higher enrollments, the year-end financials have exceeded expectations with an additional \$5 million above the budget which will be audited in the coming month.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment was given by Daniela Gosselova.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

September 9, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.