

***Policy & Operations Committee Minutes***  
***February 24, 2025***  
***3:00 PM – 5:00 PM***

**Board Members Present:** Mara Baer, Jennifer Brooks, and Adam Fox

**Staff Present:** Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Jessalyn Hampton, and Nina Schwartz

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The January meeting minutes were approved.

**II. Division of Insurance**

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided legislative updates related to health insurance affordability and preventative services. The first update involved a bill to increase the fee on insurers by up to 1% to maintain the current Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) programs, allowing HIAE to accept gift grants and donations, and using funding to support initiatives to keep Coloradans covered. The second update was about a bill to add protections into the statutes around preventative services, ensuring their coverage even if the task forces determining them no longer exist. These bills are likely to be introduced by the end of the week.

**III. HCPF Update**

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) will start their budget process with the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) next week and Cover all Coloradans continues to see increased enrollments, totaling around 13,800 people enrolled, with no significant disenrollment at this point.

**IV. Legislative Updates**

Senate Bill 45 has passed the full Senate and will be on its way to the House, and staff will continue to monitor the bill to see how Connect for Health Colorado might be involved in conversations should the bill pass as it mentions the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kevin Patterson, as serving on the task force for the study or his designee. Staff also met with Congresswoman Diana DeGette to discuss the enhanced premium tax credits, and she will be bringing the data presented into their Colorado delegation meeting later this week to continue to raise awareness.

**V. Monthly Operations Update**

Staff presented an operations performance recap for January. There was a significant volume spike in January, but overall good performance. The team is ahead of schedule

in processing documents and applications, so they will be releasing half of the contractors from the application side at the end of the week, about 2 months early.

**VI. Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Fox  
Committee Chair