Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
June 9, 2025
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Kim Bimestefer, Christy Blakely, Jennifer Brooks, Mike Conway, Adam Fox, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, and Dick Thompson

Board Members Absent: Mara Baer and Rob Ruiz-Moss

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, David Hague, Brian Lidiak, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Dr. 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 12:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- Changes to the agenda: Executive Session was removed from the agenda.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.
- The minutes from the May Board meeting were reviewed and approved, with one abstention from Adam Fox.

II. CEO Report

Outreach Update

Kevin Patterson, CEO, provided an outreach update focusing on education and advocacy work around enhanced premium tax credits, relationship management with stakeholders, and efforts to increase coverage through earned media and events. The Board discussed the Reconciliation bill that is moving through Congress. Daily staff meetings have been established to create fact sheets and strategize communication.

HCPF Update

Staff at Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided an update on the Medicaid eligibility changes proposed in the Senate bill, including a shift to six-month redeterminations starting in December 2026 and the potential implementation of a mandatory work requirement for adults aged 19-64, with certain exemptions. It was noted that while the House bill included provisions for provider taxes and fraud prevention, these might be modified in the Senate version. The discussion also covered changes to the reasonable opportunity period and retroactive coverage, both of which would be reduced from three to one month starting in December 2026.

Federal Update
Staff presented a detailed analysis of the House-passed budget reconciliation bill's impact on Colorado's marketplace customers, highlighting potential coverage losses of 112,000 people and $620 million in premium tax credits. They explained that while some provisions would take effect in 2026, others would be delayed until 2028 and noted that the bill would eliminate enhanced premium tax credits, end silver loading, and implement stricter verification requirements. Additionally, the bill would also reduce reinsurance funding, which would increase coverage losses both on and off the exchange. The open enrollment period will be shortened from January 15 to December 15 starting in 2026.

The Board discussed carrier participation in the 2026 rate filing process, with staff confirming all carriers will be in the market despite concerns about the long-term health of the individual market.

Tax Time Enrollment Update
Staff presented an update on the tax time enrollment program, noting a decrease in enrollments for 2025 but maintaining consistent auto-filing challenges with the Department of Revenue.

III. Policy & Operations Committee

Legislative Update
The May Policy and Operations Committee meeting was cancelled, but the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) will continue to monitor the impact of the failed bill to increase their fee, and their next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday June 13th.

Operations Update
The Operational statistics for May were presented with a 94.4% tier one completion rate and successful handling of MVR mailings, while maintaining normal staffing levels for the summer.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

FY 2026 budget
Staff presented the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY), noting that while current projections show a positive surplus, there are significant challenges ahead due to expected decreases in enrollment and revenues. Assumptions for revenues were outlined, including a 25% decrease in enrollments and flat premium levels, as well as decreases in donations and service fees. Staff emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy cash balance and investing in technology and mentioned that further discussions with the Board and Executive and Finance Committee would be necessary as more clarity emerges on the financial situation. The Board agreed to create modeling scenarios to better understand the impact of potential membership contraction and premium changes, with a suggestion of a more conservative membership decline scenario rather than the current 25% projection.

Procurement Request: Technology Preferred Vendor
Staff presented a procurement request for the FY2026 technology preferred vendor funding, seeking the Committee's recommendation to the Board for funding of technology preferred vendors for FY26 in the estimated amount of $9 million. The request is to address the technology contractor needs to support the implementation of the technology roadmap along

with ongoing support for Connect for Health Colorado's technology and enterprise data infrastructure and associated security needs.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the preferred technology vendor procurement request. Adam Fox seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes unanimously.

Procurement Request: Customer Operations Preferred Vendor
Staff presented another procurement request for the FY2026 customer operations contract staff funding, seeking recommendation for Board approval for funding of Customer Operations contract staffing preferred vendors in the estimated amount of $3.6 million. The request is to fund the service center and medical assistance contract staff needs for FY26.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the customer operations contract staff procurement request. Patrick Gordon seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes unanimously.

Procurement Request: Assistance Network
Staff presented one final procurement request for the FY2026 assistance network funding, highlighting the expansion to 189 locations and seeking Board approval for five sites to have contracts funded above $250,000.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the customer operations contract staff procurement request. Adam Fox seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes, with one abstention from Dick Thompson.

V. Public Comment

Written public comment was provided by Rachel Pavelko.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting
July 14, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.