

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
September 8, 2025
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, David Hague, Brian Lidiak, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Dr. Renata Robinson, Geraldine Ruiz, 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 August Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Board Report

The Board discussed the ongoing review of executive director's and CEO's goals and objectives, with a deadline of September 22nd.

III. CEO Report

Kevin Patterson, CEO, provided updates on his travels and meetings, including attending the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) Convention, visiting Grand Junction and Glenwood to meet with Congressmen, participating in a Leadership Exchange trip to Ireland with the Denver Metro Chamber, and planning a trip to Washington D.C. hosted by the Century Foundation.

HCPF Update

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing shared insights from the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretaries meeting in Nashville, where the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) presented on work requirements and the Rural Health Transformation Fund.

HIAE Update

The Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE) had a meeting where they addressed legislative and budget issues, voting to approve a \$0 premium at the 73% actuarial value level based on public feedback, with plans to revisit the lottery issue later.

DOI Update

Commissioner Mike Conway at the Department of Insurance (DOI) discussed the impact of House Bill (HB) 1006, which will inject \$50 million into the reinsurance program and \$45 million into a premium wrap, keeping 25,000 people covered instead of losing 100,000. Carriers were instructed to update their Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) plan rates considering recent federal changes, and an alternate rate filing will be requested by the end of the month to account for potential tax credit extensions. Anthem and Rocky have changed their routes on discontinuances, deciding to stay in the market and maintain their current service areas for the next year.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

Staff provided an update on ongoing audits, including the completion of the state auditor's review, which will reveal findings in October. They also mentioned the initiation of the financial audit and a new CMS audit focusing on concurrent enrollment between the Exchange and Medicaid.

V. Public Comment

Written public comment provided by Melanie Herrman.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

October 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.