

Board Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2026
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Advisory Group Members Present: Anna Cubel, James Douglas, Rosie Duran, Kevin McFatridge, Melanie Herrman, Allison Mangiaracino, Michelle Nay, and Bethany Pray

Advisory Members Absent: John Barela, Jane Barnes, Krystin Beading, Chandler Budlong-Springer, Rachel Dauer, Dr. Kavita Nair, Hunter Nelson, Eddie Sandoval, Karen Seater, Tennie Masterson, Donna Wehe, Julia Wiswell, and Erin Varnum

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rosie Duran called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The January meeting minutes were approved.

This Advisory Group will work to maximize the quality of the consumer experience on the exchange. This group will inform the way Connect for Health Colorado handles high-level policy decisions and provide feedback to the Board of Directors on ways of engaging consumers and other stakeholders about upcoming changes.

II. Fireside Chat: Nina Schwartz, Chief Policy and External Affairs

Nina Schwartz discussed her recent participation in the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) DC conference, highlighting the collaborative efforts among brokers to address federal policy changes and support shared customers. She noted the significant increase in cancellations during the open enrollment period and emphasized the importance of community-based outreach efforts, including the expansion of the internal outreach team with new roles focused on Black and Hispanic engagement.

III. Partnership Program Update with Heather Taber

Heather Taber, Assistance Network Representative, explained the different partner programs offered by their organization, including Assistance Sites, Certified Application Counselors, Enrollment Centers, and Referral Partners. She outlined the objectives and funding priorities for the Assistance Sites, emphasizing outreach, marketing, and partnerships.

IV. 2026 Notice of Benefits and Payment Parameters

Molly McClurg, Deputy General Counsel, presented on the proposed Notice of Benefits and Payment Parameters rule, outlining key changes and their potential impacts. She highlighted increased verification requirements for consumers, concerns about improper payment measurement programs, and pre-enrollment eligibility verification requirements set to begin in 2028. Molly also discussed health insurance market reforms, including the potential for non-network plans to be considered qualified health plans and expansions related to catastrophic plans. The public comment period for the proposed rule ends on March 13th, and stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback on how these changes might impact their work.

V. Federal and State Update

Federal Update

- Three-year clean ePTC extension was passed the House but was not picked up in the Senate

State Update

- Two bills are being drafted regarding funding for the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise
- SB25045 was created as a study group looking at the opportunities for universal health coverage in Colorado, and a universal healthcare payment systems. That research is being conducted by UC Denver, it used no state money and was funded through gifts, grants and donations.

VI. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.