

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
July 13, 2026
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jennifer Brooks, Mike Conway, Chris duGruy Kennedy, Adam Fox, Patrick Gordon, Kristin Harding, Annie Lee, Rob Ruiz-Moss and Dick Thompson.

Board Members Absent: Toni Sarge

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Brian Lidiak, Kevin Patterson, Rachel Peters, Ilana Rivera, 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 12:03 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.
- The minutes from the June Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Board Report

The board discussed Kevin's performance review from the previous year. It was determined that Kevin had met and exceeded his goals, leading to a proposed pay increase of 3.5% to address inflationary pressures and an award of approximately 105% of the available bonus pool.

Patrick Gordon motioned to recommend approval of the CEO pay and compensation.

Annie Lee seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes unanimously.

III. CEO Report

Kevin Patterson provided updates on recent activities and initiatives, including meetings with Covered California and state exchange colleagues in Albuquerque. He discussed ongoing work to develop a governance structure for the expanded group of 22 state-based marketplaces and efforts to simplify certification processes to help customers navigate coverage options. Kevin also highlighted improvements in call handle time, which dropped below 13 minutes for the first time, and mentioned plans to present a new automation tool developed by Kelly Guthner at a future meeting.

HCPF Update

The Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided updates, including a successful federal site visit for the Rural Health Transformation Program and upcoming application deadline of August 3rd. HCPF reported that Colorado's Medicaid enrollment remains stable at approximately 1.24 million individuals with a 1% year-over-year difference. HCPF also mentioned upcoming rate reductions for providers and services taking effect July 1st, including cuts to benefits in the Cover All Colorado program for undocumented individuals

DOI Update

Department of Insurance (DOI) updated the group on rate filing season, indicating they are working through typical issues with plans and targeting middle of next week for releasing initial rate filings to the public. DOI confirmed that all current carriers except Cigna filed rates for 2027, with Select replacing Cigna in most counties. They announced emergency rules requiring carriers to waive prior auth requirements, fill prescriptions early, and allow early durable medical equipment for fire-impacted individuals.

Federal & State Updates

Staff announced that the open enrollment dates would return to traditional dates of November 1st to January 15th, with December 15th and January 15th as deadlines for January 1st and February 1st effective dates respectively, following recent litigation that vacated provisions of the marketplace integrity and affordability rule.

Effectuation Data Update

Staff presented an effectuation update comparing 2025 to 2026 data from January through April, showing a 7% decrease in effectuations in 2026. While cancellations initially appeared higher, the cumulative numbers showed only a 29% increase compared to 2025, which was lower than the 83% increase reported at the end of open enrollment. The data revealed an increase in terminations, particularly in January, though subsequent months returned to more normal termination rates.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

Procurement Request: Bilingual Media Buy

The Board reviewed a procurement request seeking a recommendation for Board approval to contract for bilingual advertising strategy development and execution with Entravision for PY 2027 Open Enrollment for an estimated amount of \$512,000.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the bilingual advertising procurement request.

Patrick Gordon seconded the motion.

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

The recommendation passes unanimously.

V. Policy & Operations Committee

Staff reported that the Policy and Operations Committee discussed the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Board decision on setting the Colorado premium assistance level for 2027 plan year and Medicaid changes that are ongoing.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

August 10, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.