Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
August 10, 2026
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Adam Fox, Patrick Gordon, Kristin Harding, Rob Ruiz-Moss , Jack Teter and Dick Thompson.

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Brooks, Mike Conway, Chris duGruy Kennedy, 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 July Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. **Board Report**
The board welcomed Jack Teter to the board of directors.

III. **CEO Report**
Kevin Patterson provided updates on his recent travels and upcoming events. He recently returned from DC where he met with state exchange leaders regarding compliance issues and coordinating with Medicaid. Kevin also attended the Douglas County Fair and received an invitation to the ICRAX Summit later this month where he will discuss Colorado's approach to ICHRAs (Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement). Upcoming travel includes the Legislative Barbecue in Pueblo and the State Fair, with pre-open enrollment outreach activities planned.

HCPF Update
The Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided updates, noting that they are working with Connect for Health Colorado (C4) on compliance issues and have implemented changes as part of HR1, including a new screener tool available via a link she shared. They reported steady enrollment numbers with 1.2 million in total Medicaid population and 72,000 in CHIP, while maintaining coverage below the enrollment cap for Cover All Coloradans.

DOI Update

Department of Insurance (DOI) updated the group regarding rate review season. They announced that carriers have requested average increases of 11% for the individual market and 13% for the small group market, with final approved rates expected to be announced in October. DOI also mentioned that carriers have been asked to update rate filings due to changes in open enrollment timeframe and the Columbus court ruling, and noted that public comments on the rates are due by August 12th.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

Board Governance

Staff discussed financial governance and board responsibilities. They outlined the two levels of board authority: board approval for items like budgets, strategic plans, and financial policies, and board review for quarterly financial reports and special audit reports. Board Chair encouraged all board members, both new and existing, to review the detailed PowerPoint presentation in the appendix to better understand their fiduciary responsibilities.

Financial Review

Staff reported on the end-of-fiscal-year financial results, noting that preliminary numbers showed the organization exceeded budget expectations by approximately $15 million due to higher-than-anticipated enrollments. Expenses were also below budget, primarily due to cautious hiring practices in response to subsidy uncertainties. The stronger than expected cash position will be discussed further with the board regarding strategic reinvestment plans, with the full report available in the appendix.

V. Policy & Operations Committee

Staff reported that the Policy and Operations Committee meeting reviewed new systems for non-subsidy eligible individuals in off-exchange silver plans and discussed the need for clearer communications about these options. They also mentioned a new internal call center system that allows for better monitoring and proactive response to service calls.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

September 14, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.