

***Board Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2026
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM***

Advisory Group Members Present: Chandler Budlong-Springer, James Douglas, Rosie Duran, Kevin McFatridge, Melanie Herrman, Allison Mangiaracino, Michelle Nay, Eddie Sandoval and Erin Varnum

Advisory Members Absent: John Barela, Jane Barnes, Krystin Beading, Anna Cubel, Rachel Dauer, Dr. Kavita Nair, Hunter Nelson, Tennie Masterson, Bethany Pray, Karen Seater, Donna Wehe and Julia Wiswell

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rosie Duran called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The April 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: Kevin Patterson, CEO

Kevin opened the meeting by recognizing the diverse partnership between issuers, brokers, assisters, and community partners in helping Coloradans understand and access health coverage. He reflected on recent legislative changes, including Senate Bill 26-178, which protected affordability programs like Colorado Premium Assistance, and discussed the impact of federal changes on enrollment and affordability. Looking ahead, Kevin identified two key groups needing support: Coloradans transitioning from Medicaid and those above 400% of poverty level, particularly rural and older individuals. He emphasized the need for innovative solutions, including exploring new plan options and leveraging Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangements (ICRAs) to grow the individual market and strengthen it for all stakeholders

III. Off Exchange Plans with Libby Lippoth

Libby Lippoth presented plans to display off-exchange plans within the Connect for Health Colorado marketplace, gathering feedback from advisors about customer education needs around the differences between on-exchange and off-exchange plans.

IV. Non Hyde Abortion Coverage with Stephanie Gray

Stephanie Gray provided updates on non-Hyde abortion coverage funding changes, explaining that a manual reimbursement process currently burdens carrier partners. She announced plans to implement a system change for Plan Year 2027 that will automatically apply the funding to members' monthly responsible amounts, rather than requiring carrier reimbursement reports. This change would not affect Plan Year 2026 due to data quality risks from mid-year financial

changes, and she emphasized that the proposed change aligns with the organization's operational efficiency objective.

V. Renewal Design Update/Auto Re-Enrollment with Stephanie Gray

Stephanie presented changes to the renewals timing process for Plan Year 27, explaining that instead of submitting renewals to carriers in December, they will now be submitted right before open enrollment begins. She noted that this change aims to simplify the process by reducing confusion around renewal statuses and allowing customers to shop off their renewals without cancellation.

VI. Policy & External Affairs Update with Anneliese Steel
State Update

- The legislative session concluded with 657 bills introduced, 585 passed, and 171 failed, with Connect for Health primarily focusing on SB-26178
- SB26-178: The bill received a \$149 million funding boost, including \$100 million from new bonding authority and \$40 million from the marijuana Cash Fund, with 50% allocated to the reinsurance program targeting an 18% rate reduction.

VII. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.