

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
September 14, 2026
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jennifer Brooks, Mike Conway, Adam Fox, Kristin Harding, Chris duGruy Kennedy and Jack Teter.

Board Members Absent: Patrick Gordon, Rob Ruiz-Moss, Toni Sarge and Dick Thompson.

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

- Adam Fox 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 August Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Board Report

The board reviewed two proposed bylaws amendments: adding a treasurer position and establishing a process for CEO performance review and compensation setting. Staff explained that these amendments need a 30-day public comment period before board action.

III. CEO Report

Kevin Patterson provided updates on his recent travels and activities, including attending an ICHRAx Summit in Dallas, TX and a Legislative Barbeque in Pueblo, CO. He mentioned upcoming plans to attend the Leadership Exchange Conference with the Metro Chamber of Commerce and to meet with PRM consulting in Washington, D.C regarding the compensation study.

HCPF Update

The Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) provided updates on upcoming eligibility changes, including the loss of Medicaid coverage for approximately 7,000 individuals due to HR1 bill changes effective October 1st, and updates to community engagement requirements effective January. HCPF mentioned additional outreach efforts and updated materials available on the website.

DOI Update

Department of Insurance (DOI) announced that final rates for the 2027 plan year would be released by the end of the month and that they are working on extending a 1332 waiver with a letter of intent already submitted to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Federal & State Updates

Staff provided an update on the CMS provider tax proposed rule, noting that while the rule is framed around implementation of a provision of H.R. 1 and the Medicaid provider tax, its scope appears broader and may affect areas unrelated to Medicaid funding. Staff highlighted potential implications for state-based marketplace user fees and state assessments that support affordability programs, including Colorado premium assistance and reinsurance. Connect for Health Colorado plans to submit comments raising concerns about the rule's reach and potential impacts on states and will also join other state-based marketplaces in commenting.

IV. Executive & Finance Committee

Procurement Request: AWS

The Board reviewed a procurement request that seeks recommendation for approval to fund the continuation of cloud hosting service with Amazon Web Services (AWS) for the hosting of Connect for Health Colorado's technology platform, and related data, for an estimated cost of \$2.3 million.

The Executive & Finance Committee motioned to recommend approval of the AWS procurement request. Kristin Harding seconded the motion.

Adam Fox called for public comment. No public comment was provided.

The AWS procurement request passes unanimously.

V. Public Comment

No public comment provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Thompson
Board Chair

Next Board Meeting

October 12, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.