

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado Meeting Room
East Tower, Suite 1025
3773 Cherry Creek N Dr., Denver, CO 80209
March 27, 2017
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Board Members Present: Adela Flores-Brennan, Jay Norris, Sharon O’Hara and Mark Reece

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Traci Butzen, Saphia Elfituri, Kate Harris, Caren Henderson, Judith Jung, Ian McMahon, Kevin Patterson and Lisa Sevier

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., welcoming those in attendance, both in-person and on the phone. The (month) Policy Committee minutes were voted on and approved.

II. Updates

a. Colorado Department of HealthCare Policy and Financing (HCPF)

Marivel Klueckman, Eligibility Division Director with HCPF indicated that she didn’t have any updates to share.

Mr. Patterson announced that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners are having their National Meeting here in Denver the second weekend of April.

b. Division of Insurance (DOI)

There weren’t any updates at this time.

III. Legislative Update

Kate Harris, Policy and Research Manager with Connect for Health Colorado . . .

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) is not moving forward in the house.
- The Market Stabilization Rule should be out in the next few weeks.
- CRS Bill 1235 which is the 400-500% subsidy bill will be at the House on Thursday. The board is not taking an official position on this bill but will be available to answer questions. A fiscal note has been submitted that indicates that administration costs will not be added and that all funds will be passed along to the consumer.
- Senate Bill 3 that would repeal Senate Bill 200 is still to be put on the calendar in Senate Appropriations.
- The Joint Budget Committee approved the Cost Allocation for this fiscal year but not for next.

IV. 208 Commission Reports

Kevin Patterson, Chief Executive Officer with Connect for Health Colorado, presented key points of the 208 Commissions Report:

- Statewide stakeholder input process for a group to come together and find ways to reform healthcare in Colorado. This group had 32 different recommendations which can be found on page 8 of the report.
- Mr. Patterson will continue discussions with Bill Lindsay, Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care Chairman to create a report encompassing various reports into one as a basis of strategic planning.

V. Customer Survey Results

Caren Henderson, Director of Marketing and Outreach with Connect for Health Colorado presented the New & Returning Survey.

- 1,100, respondents evenly split between new and returning customers.
- Most customers used the Marketplace due to financial reasons and a lack of employer insurance.
- More than 80% of new customers had health insurance for the year before they enrolled.
- 55% of customers reported that they were satisfied with the health insurance plan they enrolled in.

Adela Flores-Brennan took a moment to discuss filling vacancies on the Board Advisory Group. There are two vacancies right now. There are currently two people from the pool from the two different communities that are still interested. It was agreed that the Committee will differ to the candidate applications and not use a proxy. If there happens to be vacancies in the future, there needs to be a process in place to fill the positions. Ms. Harris will put together a process. The term of the person selected from the pool, will be from here forward. Formal selection should be held during the board meeting forum.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair