

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
February 11, 2019
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Lorez Meinhold, Jay Norris, Sharon O'Hara, Marc Reece and Nathan Wilkes

Board Members Joining via Phone: Peg Brown (proxy for Mike Conway) Steve ErkenBrack (joined meeting at 9:50 am), Annie Lee and Tom Massey

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Beth Deines, Claudia Farnham-Wittner, Kelly Guthner, Molly McClurg, Ian McMahon, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Lisa Sevier and Ezra Watland

Approximately 3 guests attended the meeting in-person and the conference line was available for people to join by phone.

I. Call to Order

- Board Chair Adela Flores-Brennan, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and welcomed those in attendance, both in-person and on the phone.

II. Executive Session

Ms. Flores-Brennan entertained a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning a personnel and/or contractual matter. A vote was called for and passed with unanimous approval.

The Executive Session is permitted pursuant to CRS §24-6-402(4)(e) & (c) and 24-6-402(4)(f).

The board returned from Executive Session at 9:13 am.

III. Business Agenda

- The minutes from the January Board meeting were voted on and approved.
- There were no changes to the agenda.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None

IV. Board Report
Board Retreat

Board members were asked to complete a poll to determine the best day for a board retreat in August or September.

Committee Charters

Each of the board committees were tasked with updating their committee charters.

The Policy Committee charter was finalized and accepted by the board during the December board meeting.

The Executive Committee charter and Finance and Operations charter were motioned for, and unanimously approved by the board.

Board Composition Matrix

The board reviewed the board composition matrix, which includes board member expertise and demographics.

Action Items

Board members will complete the matrix with their personal information and return the matrix to the board liaison.

The matrix will help the board to maximize current board talents; as well as, offer information on possible gaps to assist the appointing parties with filling any open positions.

V. CEO Report

OE6 Update

Kevin Patterson reviewed the statewide numbers for the 2019 open enrollment period. The unofficial numbers were 170,741 medical plan submissions, 22% were new customers, 78% were renewing customers and 77% were financially assisted (up from 69% in 2018).

Official numbers will be published in the end of Open Enrollment Report.

Action Items

Staff will research whether any federal policy decisions caused non-financially assisted customers to shop outside of Connect for Health Colorado for their 2019 plan.

Staff will compare this open enrollment's renewal rate to previous years.

County level metrics were given to the board, displaying comparisons to enrollments in 2018.

Action Items

Staff to provide information on the average premium prior to the advanced premium tax credit on a county level.

Legislative/Regulations Update

Staff gave a high-level overview on the 2019 legislative session:

- Senate Bill 004: Address high-cost health insurance pilot program.
 - Authority to explore offering a one-year pilot program in a limited geographic area to provide access to the group medical benefit plans offered to state employees. This pilot would be limited to 100 individuals between the 400-500 FPL in Eagle and Garfield counties.
 - Modifies the health care coverage cooperatives laws to include consumer protections and allow consumers to collectively negotiate rates directly with providers.
- House Bill 1004: Proposal for affordable health coverage option.
 - Requires the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) and the Division of Insurance (DOI) to develop and submit a proposal for the design, costs, benefits, and implementation of a state option for health care coverage.
- House Bill 1168: State innovation waiver reinsurance program.
 - Authorizes the DOI to seek federal approval through a 1332 waiver to institute a state reinsurance program.

Action Items

Staff to track SB 134 and HB 1174, regarding out-of-network health care services.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking comments for the 2020 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters, comments are due February 19th. Items CMS is seeking comment on include:

- Possible changes to “silver loading” for plan year (PY) 2021
- Restrictions on auto-renewals for PY 2021
- A new special enrollment period (SEP) for off-exchange enrollees who experience a decrease in income and are newly determined eligible for APTC to enroll in on-exchange coverage for PY 2020
- Requiring carriers with qualified health plans (QHP)s that cover non-Hyde abortion services to create a “mirror QHP plan” that do not cover those services for PY 2020
- Change in premium adjustment percentage for PY 2020

Small Business Pilot

The organization is evaluating if, and in what way, Connect for Health Colorado can serve the small business community. This will be done through outreach and developing a customized

shopping platform that will make it easier for an employer to identify the range of coverage opportunities to offer to their employees, if they are able to contribute funds into their employees.

VI. Finance & Operations

The tax form 990 was reviewed at the January Finance and Operations Committee meeting. The form has been shared with the board and can be found on the website.

VII. Policy Committee

Board Agenda Principles

The Policy Committee presented a working draft of the board agenda principles to board members for discussion. The current principles have been reviewed, discussed and feedback provided by both the Board Advisory Group and the Policy Committee.

The policy agenda will address the legislative approach, as well as, regulatory, legal, communications and education for the organization.

Action Items

Staff to change the word “endorse” (end of second paragraph) to “promote”.

Staff to soften the language in the 6th bullet point.

Staff to change the word “encourage” (final sentence) to “engage”.

VIII. Public Comment

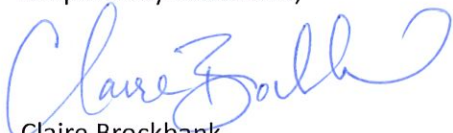
Given by:

Bethany Pray with the Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Brad Niederman with the Colorado State Association of Health Underwriters

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Claire Brockbank
Secretary

Next Meeting

March 11, 2019 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm