

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
July 8, 2019
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan and Sharon O’Hara

Board Members Joining via Phone: Elisabeth Arenales, Kim Bimestefer, Annie Lee and Lorez Meinhold

Board Members Absent: Marc Reece

Staff Present: Dustin Arnette, Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Saphia Elfituri, Claudia Farnham-Wittner, Kelly Guthner, David Hague, Ian McMahon, Kevin Patterson, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Lisa Sevier and Ezra Watland

Approximately 2 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 12:07 pm 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 2:14 pm.

III. Business Agenda

- The minutes from the June Board meeting were moved to the August Board meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

IV. Board Report

Two of the three open board positions have been filled. Mike Stahl, CEO of Hilltop Community Resources, has been appointed by the House Minority. Dick Thompson,

Executive Director of Quality Health Network, has been appointed by the Senate Majority.

V. CEO Report

HRA/Small Business

Chief Executive Office (CEO), Kevin Patterson, gave the board an update on Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) plans and small business. An HRA is a type of flex account that allows an employee to pay premiums and other associated costs of individual market coverage, these accounts can receive direct contributions from the individual's employer.

State based marketplaces (SBMs) and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) will not be able to implement the newly regulated "individual coverage integrated HRA" (ICHRA) program in time for the next open enrollment period.

1004 Update

The state is facilitating a stakeholder input process to research the ability to propose an affordable health coverage public option. The state started by framing three points in response to the legislation: access (who is covered), affordability (premiums, OOP, chronic care), and using "existing state health care infrastructure".

Since Connect for Health Colorado is considered existing infrastructure, there are options and opportunities for the organization to leverage related to its current platform and services. Whatever the recommendations contained in the report to the legislature, Connect for Health Colorado believes any options created out of this process should be offered on the exchange. But even beyond, there are new options that can be linked back to the original idea of a connector that builds upon the organization's technology improvements and experience with other state-based exchanges.

Medical Assistance End to end Process and Payload Processing

Staff provided the Board with information explaining Connect for Health Colorado's work on payloads received from the state and the organization's end to end processing of the payloads.

Privacy & Security Office Annual Review

Michael Stephen, Privacy and Security Officer, gave the Board an annual review of Connect for Health Colorado's Privacy and Security Office's (PSO)'s efforts.

The mission of the PSO is to manage risk and seek out opportunities for improvement while complying with regulatory, contractual, and internally developed requirements and policies.

The office's three goals are:

- Maintain current security/privacy programs and operationalize activities
- Support COHBE business projects/strategy
- Manage security audit activities, improve compliance

VI. Policy

Policy Agenda

The policy agenda has been divided into three goals with potential policy solutions attached to each goal. The goals are:

1. Identify ways to increase access to coverage by streamlining processes and reducing barriers to care.
2. Identify ways to increase affordability by better defining value for customers and supporting a stable and healthy insurance marketplace across the state.
3. Identify way to increase consumer choice by empowering consumers with information and tools needed to make the best healthcare choices for themselves and their family.

The Board discussed the goals and policy solutions.

Action Item

Staff to add the consideration of the Marketplace being an active purchaser and identify ways to increase meaningful consumer choice as potential policy solutions under goal three.

VII. Board Action Items Follow-up

Due to time constraints the Board action items follow-up will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Public comment provided by Melanie Herrman, independent broker.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Brockbank
Secretary

Next Meeting

August 12, 2019 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm